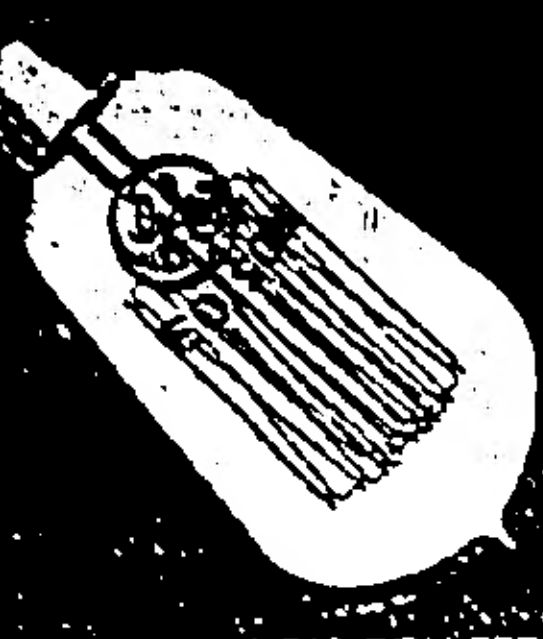


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TO-DAY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

DEFENCE CORPS ORDINANCE REPEALED.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO BE DEALT WITH BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE OVER POLICE DISCONTENT.

GOVERNOR AND MR. POLLOCK AT VARIANCE.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber to-day when those present were—
H. E. the Governor, (Sir R. G. G. G.) presiding.
H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General F. Ventris).
The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.
The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Attorney General.
The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., Colonial Treasurer.
The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.
The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Capt. Superintendent of Police.
The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.
The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.
The Hon. Mr. R. G. Shewan.
The Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone.
The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.
The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.
Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, acting Clerk of Councils.

FINANCIAL.

Amongst the financial minutes referred to the Finance Committee were the following:—
\$1,935 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, Police, other charges, iron bunkers.
\$2,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong: erection of a latrine in Duddell Street.
\$5,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong: miscellaneous water works.
\$240,000 on account of Miscellaneous Services, special allowance on salaries.
\$69,250 in aid of the following votes:—Miscellaneous Services:—New Government Offices:—electric fans and light, \$2,400; lifts maintenance, \$350; Printing and Binding:—Miscellaneous papers, \$3,000; Ordinances, Regulations and Reports, \$500; stationery, \$13,000; transport of Government Servants, \$40,000.
\$27,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong: Communications, Tytan Gap to Shauiwan, improving existing road.
\$2,986.37 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, grinding machine for workshop.
\$40,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong: Water Works, maintenance of City and Hill District.
\$12,660 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments:—Passages and bonuses in lieu of passages.
\$4,000 in aid of the following votes:—Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon:—Maintenance of Water Works, \$3,000; Water Account, (Meters, &c.), \$1,000.
\$3,850 in aid of the following votes:—Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories:—Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages, \$3,000; Maintenance of Lai-chikok Water-works, \$850.
\$13,700 in aid of the following votes:—Kowloon-Canton Railway:—Locomotive, carriage, and wagon expenses, coal, \$13,000; Running Branch Line, coal, \$700.
\$4,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, typhoon and rainstorm damages.
\$3,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, miscellaneous drainage works.
\$800 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong: additions and alterations to Shauiwan Police Station.
\$3,000 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, subsistence of prisoners.

present the men who had returned from active service. He thought that such a representative committee as that would be able to produce regulations that would be satisfactory, for it was the regulations that were important. The regulations of the old Defence Corps were drawn up with great care and they were taken from the Territorial Force regulations. They had been found very suitable and he was sure they would be well suited to any Volunteer Corps whatever. At present all he was at liberty to say was that he should recommend that the number of drills should be reduced and also the number of days in Camp. He could not conclude without once more thanking the old Defence Corps for their magnificent services in the past and he trusted that when the first parade of the new corps was held he should see not only most of the old faces but many more of men who had returned to the Colony since the war. There were many who had returned above the age of 21 or 22 who would really be trained men and who would not require any recruit training at all, but there was a certain number of younger men who had reached the age of twenty since the armistice and those were the men he would like to see as recruits. He was quite sure that they would not hang back when they saw their seniors joining up. He wished success to the new Corps. (Hear, hear and applause).

The Bill was read through all its stages and passed.

POLICE MATTERS.
The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone asked the following questions:—
1. Will the Government give any information regarding the present dispute concerning the recruitment for the Police Force?
2. In view of the recent armed robberies and acts of violence committed in the heart of the City do the Government consider the present Police Force (including the recently joined members) of sufficient strength to adequately deal with same either (1) by increasing the number on point duty or (2) patrol duty?
3. If, as seems reasonable in view of recent events, the reply to question No. 2 is in the negative, will the Government give any information regarding the steps to be taken or which have already been taken to increase the numbers of the European Police Force?
4. In view of the greatly increased cost of living in this Colony as elsewhere in the world will the Government consider the advisability of a substantial increase in the pay of the N.C.O.'s and men on the European Branch of the Force?
5. What would an increase of 30% on these men's salaries cost the Government?
6. If the reply to question No. 4 is in the negative, will the Government consent to the formation of a committee to enquire into the matter, and
7. Will they appoint as members of that committee two or more civilians whose knowledge of the position by reason of their employment of considerable numbers of European workers best fits them to give authoritative advice on the subject?
The following answers were given by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—
1.—A number of recruits who arrived recently represented to the Government that on signing their agreements they were promised in some cases a substantial, in others a 45% increase, over and above the amount of salary stated in their agreements and that they were further informed that such increase if not already approved would be approved by the time they arrived in the Colony. On arrival they found that the question of the proposed increase in salaries was still under consideration and it is not settled yet. In reply to their representations they were informed that a substantial increase had been recommended to the Secretary of State but that no payment of increased salaries could be made until the Secretary of State's approval had been received. However if any men considered that they had been brought out to the Colony

owing to any misrepresentation or misunderstanding the Government was willing to repatriate them if necessary. Thereupon 12 men expressed their desire to be repatriated, and unless there is some change in the situation in the interval which must necessarily elapse before passages can be secured the men will be given the opportunity of returning home.
2.—When all the men applied for have arrived and men who went home to serve in His Majesty's Forces return the Police Force should be in a fair position to deal with the increase in crimes of violence. Should it however be found that the force requires further strengthening the necessary increases will be recommended forthwith to the Secretary of State. The number of men (1) on point duty (2) on patrol duty, is being increased as new men arrive and has been increased since the beginning of the year.
3.—In the Estimates for 1919, 160 Europeans were provided for. On 22nd December, 1919, the European strength was 163 exclusive of the two officers who have died within the last week. The number of European Police provided for in the 1920 Estimates is 183. Forty-eight European recruits have been engaged in England during the year, of whom 23 have arrived and 15 have not yet arrived. Ten recruits are at present on their way to Hongkong, having just left Victoria, B.C., accompanied by 2 European Police Officers just released from military duty.
Of the 163 on the strength on 22nd December, 1919, 3 are on leave, 8 are still on Active Service and 2 are on their way from Victoria as stated above. There are 153 in the Colony at present. In this connection it should also be noted that the Indian force has been brought up to strength, being only 2 below the 1919 Estimate of 431. There are 73 Chinese Police over and above the number provided for in the 1919 Estimates which provide for 412 Chinese Police.
4.—This has already been recognized and the necessary recommendations have been made. They are now awaiting the approval of the Secretary of State.
5.—£7,270 including all ranks of Europeans excepting Superintendent.
6 and 7.—In view of the answer to question 4 questions 6 and 7 do not arise. I would add, however, that if the Council agrees, the Government proposes pending the receipt of the Secretary of State's decision to pay all European Police Constables the present maximum salary of that grade as from the 1st of January.
The Hon. Mr. Pollock said that arising out of question 1 he would like to ask a supplementary question, this being whether the Government has communicated with the Secretary of State with a view to ascertaining whether any promise was made to the police recruits of an increase on their arrival here.
His Excellency the Governor said that it was the practice in that Council that notice must be given of any question. He had to ask the Hon. member to give notice.
Later in the Council meeting Mr. Pollock again raised the point, saying he would like to raise the matter on a point of order. His Excellency the Governor had just now made an observation with regard to the practice of the Council in regard to questions—notice being given of questions to be put. He did not for a moment dispute that that was so by the regulations of the Colony but it was the practice in the past, and it was also a well-known practice in the House of Commons, for members to be allowed to ask questions arising out of answers. He was not speaking without some experience of the Legislative Council of this Colony when making that remark. He first took his seat in the Council as Attorney General so far ago as February 1896, over 23 years ago, and since then for over two-thirds of his time he had been either an official or an unofficial member of the Council. He quite realised that some supplementary questions might be difficult

to answer without notice, but with all due deference that observation did not apply to his question. It would surely be quite easy to answer at once whether or not communication had been made to the Secretary of State by telegram upon that alleged offer made to the recruits when they left Home. In asking that question he was following the well-known practice not only of this Colony but also of the House of Commons.
His Excellency said that with regard to the practice in this Colony he confessed he spoke merely from his knowledge of the rules as they stood. If it had been the custom to ignore those rules he submitted that it was time that that custom was abolished. The Hon. Member had made a reference to the practice in the House of Commons but there were many things in the House of Commons that were not followed here. That he thought was one of them. He had had experience of other Colonies and in no case, to his knowledge, were supplementary questions taken at the meeting.
HOUSING SCHEMES.
The Hon. Mr. Pollock gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he intended to move the following two Resolutions, namely:—
1.—That, with a view to giving facilities for commercial expansion, a Committee of the Legislative Council be appointed, consisting of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and two Official and three Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, for the purpose of considering and reporting to this Council upon the resumption by the Hongkong Government of the Military Establishments on the Queen's Road and the terms and conditions of such resumption.
2.—That, the various Housing Schemes for different sections of the community in various districts of the Colony be now referred by the Government to the Public Works Committee of the Legislative Council, with power to that Committee to make suggestions as to the carrying out and financing of such schemes and as to the improvement of the method of communication with the outlying districts which are sought to be developed by such schemes.
GREETINGS AND FAREWELL.
On the resumption of the Council at the conclusion of the Finance Committee, His Excellency the Governor wished all the members a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He also referred to the fact that the Council was losing the Hon. Mr. Shewan at the end of the year, after having been a member for a considerable period on and off. He regretted that his own experience of Mr. Shewan was not very long but from the debates he had read he noticed that Mr. Shewan had been of great assistance to his predecessors and all must have enjoyed Mr. Shewan's vigorous remarks on many occasions. He thanked Mr. Shewan for his great assistance to the Council.
Replying, Mr. Shewan said that he was retiring because he had reached an age when he ought to give way to a younger man. He believed there was a great future in front of Hongkong and he referred particularly to the need for the Canton-Hankow Railway.
His Excellency said that that very important matter was not being lost sight of.
The Council then rose.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.
The following report of a meeting of the Public Works Committee held on November 14 was laid on the table.—The Chairman submitted plans showing the levels of the roads in the vicinity of Barker Road Station and the position in which it was proposed by Government to construct the convenience. The position was on the hillside immediately to the north of the Station and below the level of Plantation Road, the roof of the proposed structure being about level with the road. With regard to the two sites suggested by the Subcommittee of the Sanitary Board in their report dated the 14th August, 1919, he explained that, owing to its distance from the Station and the steepness of

POLICE TROUBLE.

EUROPEAN CONSTABLE REFUSES DUTY.

SENT TO GAOL FOR ONE MONTH.

The dissatisfaction amongst the new members of the Police Force was evidenced by a case which was brought by the Captain Superintendent of Police to the Police Court to-day, when P. C. (81) Denis Lavender, attached to the West Point Police, was charged with insubordination by refusing to go on duty.
Mr. Wolfe said.—The facts are that the defendant was brought to a defaulters' parade and I had reason yesterday morning to fine him for being absent from duty on Saturday night and being drunk. I fined him \$5 and also made an order that he should not be put on special duty for which he usually got a little extra money, as I considered him to be unfitted to be trusted with special duty of that kind. The next I heard of him was when I was rung up about six o'clock in the evening yesterday by Inspector Macdonald, who informed me that the defendant had gone round to the charge room and definitely informed him that he refused to do any more duty. I instructed Inspector Macdonald to tell him that it was a serious matter to refuse to go on duty and would bring him before your Worship unless he did his duty in the ordinary manner. At midnight last night he came down to the charge room and informed Inspector Macdonald that he was still of the same opinion, that he still declined to perform his duty. I then had him put on the charge sheet.
His Worship.—The charge against you, Denis Lavender, is that you last night at midnight refused to go on patrol duty, therefore misconducting yourself as a constable. You plead guilty or not guilty?
Defendant.—Guilty, your Worship. All I should wish to say is that if I was not in a fit condition to do special duty, I was not in a fit condition to go on patrol duty.
His Worship.—Your explanation does not improve your position at all. It seems to me you have been seriously insubordinate to your superiors. You are sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour. [We learn that P. C. Lavender joined on the 27th June last and was one of those who applied for a passage back to England in consequence of the dissatisfaction they felt in regard to the matter of pay. He is alleged to have given the Captain Superintendent of Police his promise of good behaviour, together with others, pending the settlement of the pay question. He has denied that he ever gave such promise, and we learn from him that he had been nearly four years a prisoner of war in Germany and was one of those who experienced the unpleasant attentions of the Huns following a refusal to manufacture munitions intended for use against British troops].

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s. 4d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—fine. Barometer:—30.15. Temperature 3 p.m.:—67. Humidity 2 p.m.:—63.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor last evening entertained Vice-Admiral Satoru Horiuchi, I.J.N., to dinner at Government House. The other guests present were:—H.E. Major-General F. Ventris, C.B.; Captain J. A. Willcox, R.N.; Pay Lieutenant Com. A. Holborn, O.B.E., R.N.; Captain Shosaku Harada, I.J.N., H.I.J. M.S. Adzuma; Eng. Capt. Teikizo Kawakami, I.J.N., H.I.J. M.S. Tokiwa; Lieut. Com. S. Shimada, I.J.N.; Flag Lieutenant Matsuoka, I.J.N.; Capt. J. W. Carrington, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. Carlisle; Com. C. P. Talbot, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. Ambrose; Com. R. B. McCowan, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. Alacrity; Lieut. Col. F. H. Griffiths, R.M.; Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., O.B.E.; Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.; Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.; Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E.; Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E.; Captain B. N. Tait, R.N.; Mr. E. Inouye, Lieut. Com. Shichiro Miyoshi, I.J.N., Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. R. A. C. North.
After dinner, His Excellency gave an entertainment in the Ball Room for the Officers and Midshipmen of H. I. J. M. S. Tokiwa and H. I. J. M. S. Adzuma.

DAY BY DAY.

At the Choral Eucharist at St. John's Cathedral at 7.45 a.m. on Christmas Day, Adepte Fideles will be sung during the procession and introit. The Kyrie and Sanctus will be from Stanford in B flat and the service Merbecke.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong Boxing Association held on the 22nd inst., Sir William Rees Davies in the chair, it was decided to hand the sum of £100 to the Captain Superintendent of Police to be forwarded by him to the widow of the late Warder Speed.

Last night the annual Christmas draw took place at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The number of tickets sold, about 1,700, was in excess of any previous year, whilst the prizes numbered about 400 and included turkeys, sucking pigs, hampers, Christmas puddings, cigars and cigarettes, and many other seasonable commodities.

GREY FOR PEACE PRIZE?

Christiania.—The Norwegian Mercantile Shipping Gazette proposes in a leading article to-day that the Nobel Peace Prize shall be given to the former British Foreign Minister, Viscount Grey, who, it says, has done more for the world's peace than any man now living and more than any other who has previously had the Nobel Prize, ex-President Roosevelt included.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
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Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, of Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., took the chair and in his introductory remarks said:—It was in the year 1866 that Mrs. Eddy discovered Christian Science. During the time that has elapsed since that date the movement has spread to practically every quarter of the globe. There are now some 87 churches and societies in England which is about double the number ten years ago. The increasing interest in the subject is chiefly due to its efficacy in healing sin and disease of every nature. People for the most part turn to it for relief only after other systems have failed, and the fact that Christian Science is able to produce satisfactory results in such cases is added testimony to its healing power. It is essentially a practical religion and the beauty of its teachings is that they can be demonstrated by any sincere student to the extent that he understands them. The purpose of the lecture this afternoon is to present the subject correctly and to bear witness to the facts regarding the life and work of its Discoverer and Founder, Mary Baker Eddy. Dr. Hubbard, the lecturer, is a member of The Board of Lectureship of The First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, and after many years devoted to the study and practice of Christian Science is well qualified to give you a clear exposition of its teachings. He is here this afternoon at the request of First Church of Christ Scientist, Hongkong.

Dr. Hubbard said: The explanation of God's law and its availability to all mankind was taught and demonstrated by Jesus the Christ, but for many centuries it has been maintained that the major portion of the reward for Christian living is to come at some future time. Christian Science furnishes the rule by which the power that Jesus used in "accomplishing his wondrous works is made immediately available, and because its beneficent power can make over and bless every phase of our material existence it is the most important subject that can come to our consideration. The wisdom of this world has failed not only to heal from discord and sin but to heal from disease. And it will continue to fail in its treatment of disease until it is recognized that sickness is sick thought expressed on the body, and that sick thought is cast out through spiritual understanding.

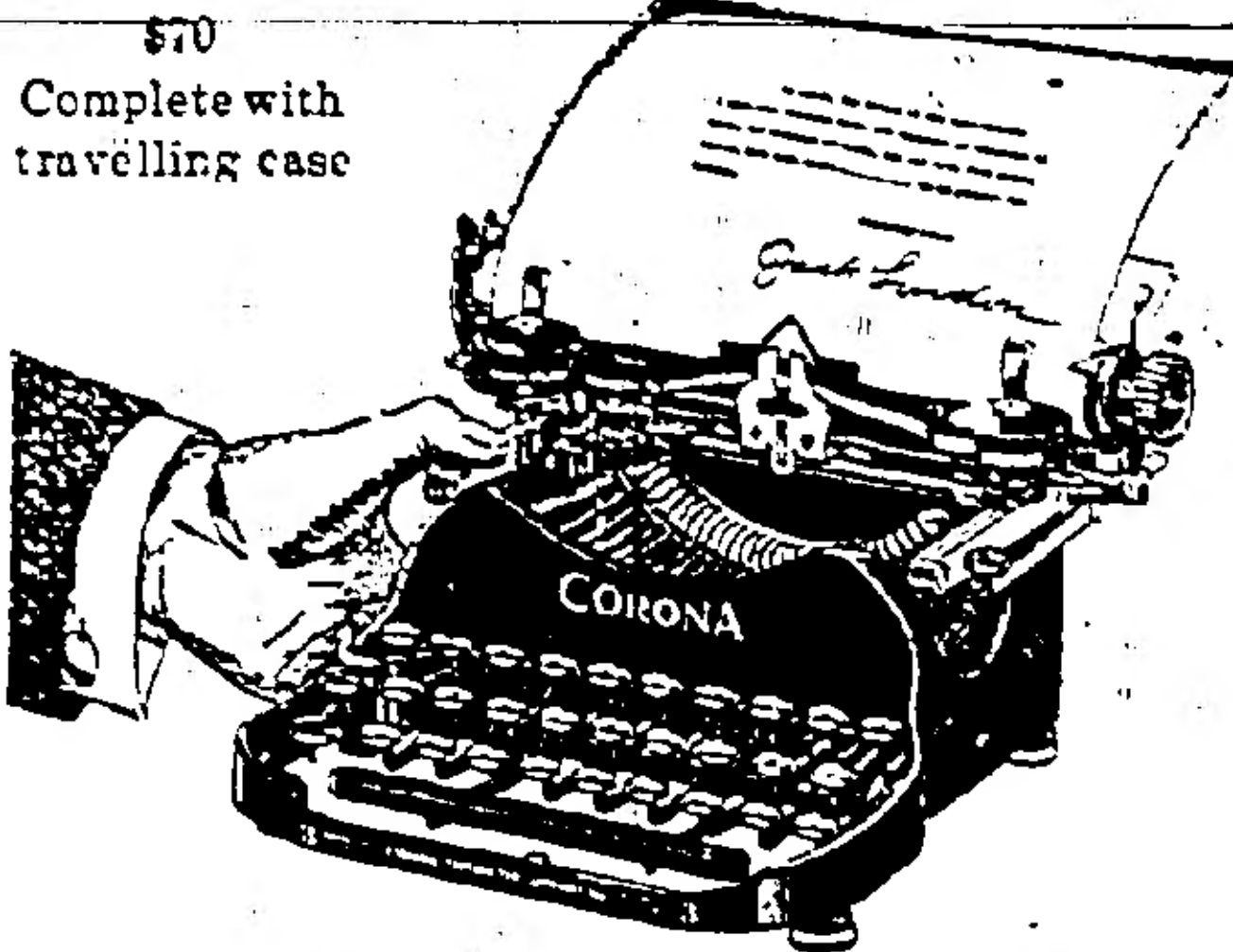
MATERIAL METHODS FAIL. Anyone who goes back into the history of material medicine is impressed by the fact that for practically every diseased condition there has been a continual succession of drugs. One following the other; and it is always claimed for the last one, with the greatest enthusiasm and positiveness that it certainly does heal the disease, and in support of this contention there may be offered the records of many cases that have been cured. Human thought is not much given to retrospection along this line. If it were it would remember that all the drugs that have followed each other in the treatment of disease, and have been successively discarded, have had the same glowing record when they were first used. The reason for this is that it is not the drug but the belief in it which accomplishes the healing. Those who discover and bring forth a remedy are strong in their belief that it will cure, because the remedy is the outcome of a definite conviction as to how the disease should be treated; so they obtain marked results, while those who prescribe the same drug later on have no such deep conviction, and because of their previous experience may be even mildly skeptical. This state of thought brings about failure.

Now the history of every material method including surgery is the same as that of drugs. The results which come are according to the belief which is entertained about them. One has only to glance through the medical journals to see that physicians themselves are condemning many of the operations and methods which the world at large has been taught to believe would heal them. Almost every one can recall operations and methods which were quite the rage a few

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years ago but are seldom heard of to-day, and it is perfectly safe to predict that the surgical procedures which seem successful to-day will be discarded for others to-morrow. The greatest blessing that can come to both the doctor and the world is to learn why it is that no material method is of permanent avail and that it is God who not only "forgiveth all thine iniquities" but "who healeth all thy disease." It is essential in undertaking the study of Christian Science that one should know something of the one to whom it was revealed, and some of the factors which led to its discovery. The revelation came to Mrs. Eddy because the particular qualities of thought which she possessed made it inevitable. She investigated every material system of healing and finally decided that all causation must be mental; yet it required twenty years of effort before she really understood that all causation was Mind, God, and a number

of years more before it had unfolded with sufficient clarity to be given to the world. So Christian Science came as a result of patient, unflinching effort to know God's law, and to the one who possessed the qualities of thought which made its revelation humanly possible. It is the common experience of those who study Christian Science that there comes to them a much larger, clearer, understanding of God than they had before.

In discussing the nature of God let us begin with the fact that God is Mind, because by recognizing this we are enabled to see more clearly the inseparable relationship which exists between God and Man, and to see that because of this relationship man manifests the qualities of God, of Mind, and nothing else.

THE DIVINE MIND AND DIVINE IDEA. In order that we may better understand the operation, the activity, of infinite Mind let us illustrate the divine Mind by using the ordinary conception of a human mind as an example. You say your friend has a fine mind. You say you know this because he has many fine ideas which he expresses. You have never seen his mind but you have known the expression of it in ideas. If he never moved a muscle, never spoke a word, you would rightly conclude that there was no mind there. So a mind to be called a mind must be filled with ideas, and an idea by virtue of being an idea must be expressed. It is impossible to conceive of a mind filled with ideas, yet unexpressed; for a mind with no expression is not a mind. (Continued on Page 3.)

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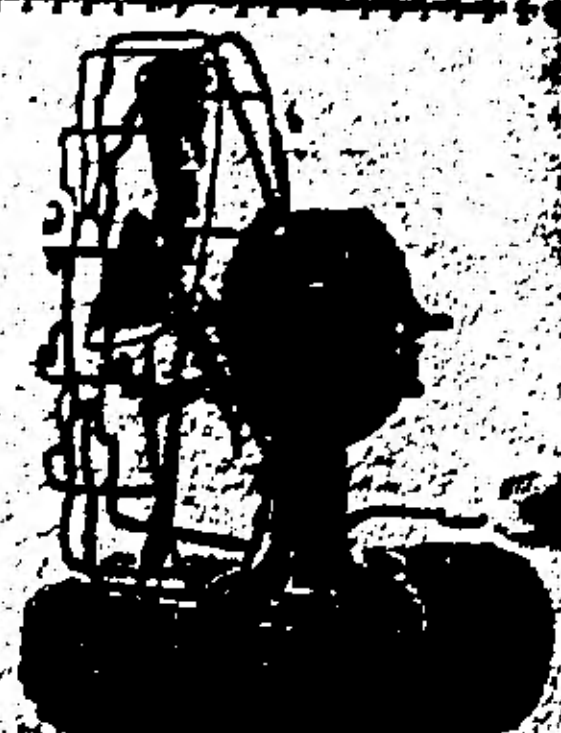
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INDIAN NEWS.

London, Dec. 18. A Bombay message reports exciting scenes at Pondicherry in connection with the election of a Parliamentary deputy. When the ballot boxes were being collected the crowd attacked the Police, who were ordered to fire. Five were killed and several injured. Many arrests were made and arms were found in the houses of those arrested.

Delhi, Dec. 18. A new Ordinance prohibits possession of Russian rouble notes. The maximum penalty is three years imprisonment and fine, with confiscation.

HAVAS NEWS.

Paris, Dec. 18. Bolsheviks are playing the German game of trying to divide the Allies. Proof thereof appears in a Moscow official paper which asserts that a new war is brewing between America and Japan, and that Anglo-French relations are frigid and that the old jealousy between America and Great Britain still exists. Paris circles state that such Bolshevik assertions are totally devoid of any foundation. The Executive Council of the Belgian Committee on national policy adopted a resolution asking the Government to take the initiative for the conclusion of Franco-Belgian and Anglo-Belgian military agreements. One of the possible measures of economy in France may be the raising of the inland letter rate from 15 to 20 centimes.—Havas.

SPIES IN AMERICA.

Kansas City, Dec. 19. Thirty-two Industrial Workers of the World were sentenced to prison for from 3½ to 9½ years for violating the espionage law.

THE FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Dec. 17. Talk about the changes in the Clemenceau Cabinet seems devoid of any reality at present, the Ministers having as their first task in view the financial laws, which ought to be voted before the New Year. Rumor concerning the retirement of the whole Cabinet after the vote on the financial laws is likely to be more consistent.—Havas.

QUEEN OF SPAIN IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 17. The Queen of Spain is staying in Paris. She went to the opera, the programme including a performance of the new opera "Goyescas" by the late Senor Granados, who died when the Sussex was torpedoed. On Wednesday the Queen dined at the Elysee.—Havas.

THE KOREAN DELEGATES.

Paris, Dec. 17. Two Korean delegates formerly appointed to the Peace Conference have arrived in Paris, where they learnt the Peace Conference had ended. They were therefore advised to advocate the future of the League of Nations.—Havas.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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but a blank. How do you know that a rock has no mind and no ideas? Why simply because it has no expression, for where there are ideas there is expression. The infinite Mind, therefore, is filled with an infinite number of ideas or thoughts, which must be expressed, and the activity, the expression, the manifestation of these ideas constitutes man and the universe. God's ideas express Him in countless spiritual forms which "range from the infinitesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons and daughters of God." As God's ideas we exist in Him and because we exist in Him the Scriptures so declare that "in him we live, and move, and have our being."

There is a further quality of an idea which it will be necessary for us to consider. An idea has no ability to do anything or to be anything except as the idea of the mind in which it exists. It cannot change itself and so become more, or less, or different, than mind intended it should be, because it has no volition of its own and must of necessity express exactly what mind intends it should express. For example: If you have a thought of love for your neighbor, this idea cannot get away from you and change itself into a thought of hate. The ideas in Mind must of necessity express exactly what Mind intends they should express. Now the real man is, as we have shown, the perfect idea of infinite Mind, and has only divine volition. He has therefore no ability to choose to do evil or to be sick, nor can he ever become separated from the Mind which contains him. Man, then, God's idea, image and likeness, has all the qualities of God, and not a single quality that is not of Him. He is therefore healthful and holy; perfect, spiritual, and immortal.

Because it is true that man is the idea of infinite Mind he cannot be material, and this material body will have to be accounted for in some other way. Matter seems very real to the human mind, yet the deepest material thinkers maintain that matter has no existence in and of itself. They say that it is simply a manifestation of law. They see and admit that matter is simply a manifestation of material thought, but they go on with a line of thought which maintains that these material laws proceed from the infinite Being.

Now Christian Science agrees with them in admitting that matter is simply an expression of thought but denies absolutely that this thought is of God. On the contrary it maintains that the material man and the material universe are expressions of beliefs that are counterfeits of the true ideas. The material man manifests sin, sickness, and materiality, which are the direct opposites of those qualities of health, holiness, and spirituality, which the real and spiritual man must inevitably manifest as the image and likeness of God.

It is not maintained that we have been able fully to demonstrate that matter is unreal, but thousands have been able to annul what are thought to be unchanging material laws through the recognition of the law of Spirit.

It is inevitable that just so long as the world builds up its belief in disease that disease will be manifested. It may delude itself into thinking it is making progress by apparently checking some one disease, but the total manifestation is not lessened in the least.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS.

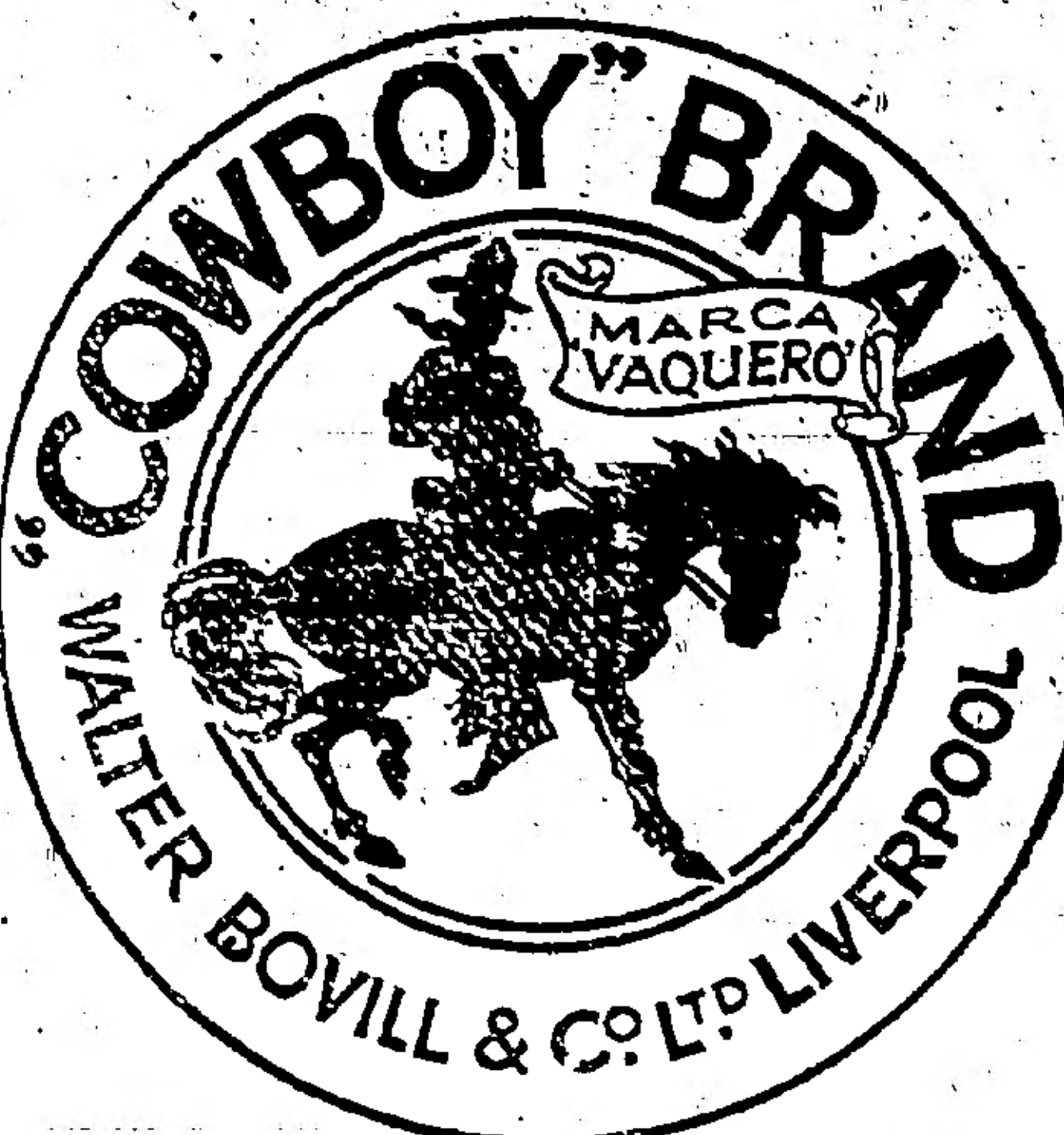
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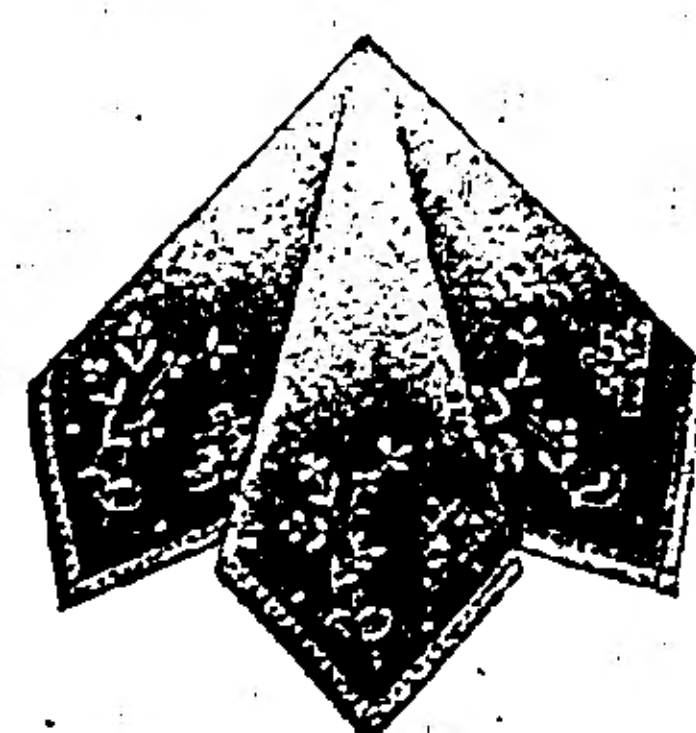
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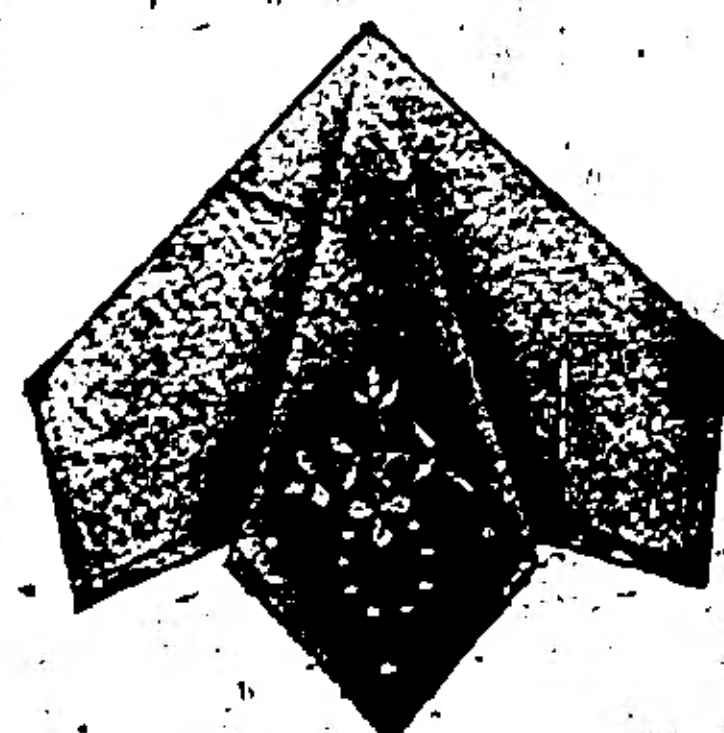
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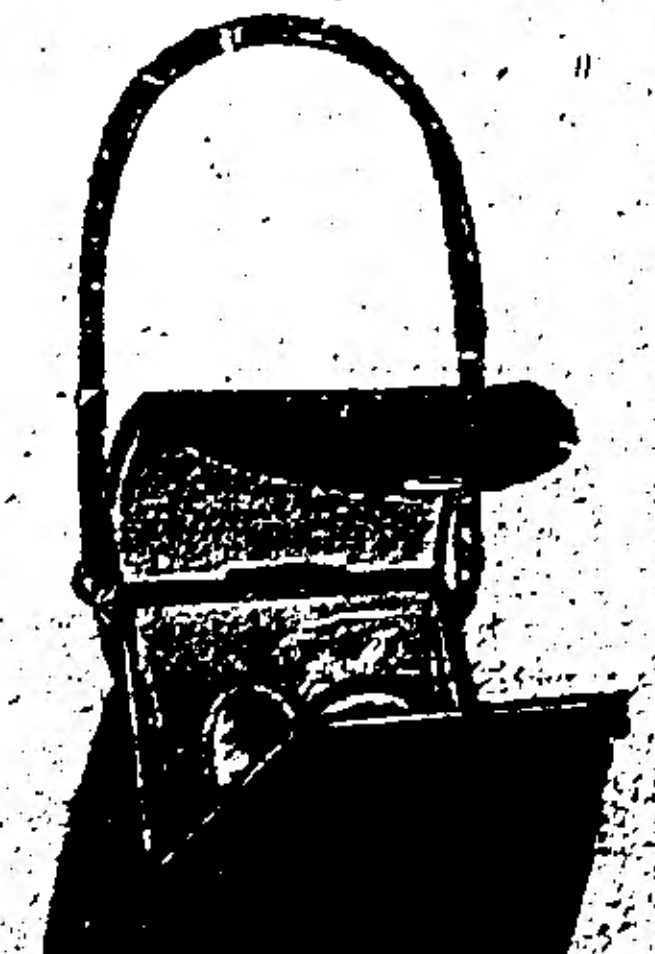
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1919.

OUR LETHARGIC J.P.'S.

Some weeks ago, it was announced that there was a vacancy on the Licensing Board, caused by the resignation of Mr. Shelton Hooper. This gentleman represented the Justices of the Peace—the "Great Unpaid"—on the Board, and so the J.P.'s were invited, in accordance with rules and regulations, to get up an election amongst themselves and by this method select one of their number as Mr. Hooper's successor. The first official invitation was ignored; nobody was nominated; and there was no election. The Justices of the Peace were, however, given another chance, and this time, at the eleventh hour, two of them summoned up sufficient energy to propose and second Mr. Stafford Northcote for the position. No other candidate came forward, and thus it was that this nominee was duly declared elected to the vacancy. There was evidently no great rivalry for the job, possibly because, in the eyes of the J.P.'s, it carried little honour and would occasionally involve a little inconvenience. At any rate, overtures had twice to be made to them before they made any response, and even then the invitation was very tardily acted upon.

In itself, this little incident is of no great importance, but it will serve as a peg upon which to hang a few comments concerning the lack of real interest locally in civic life. Here the Justices of the Peace do not, as at Home, exercise magisterial functions; Hongkong favours the stipendiary system, mainly, no doubt, because no body of men engaged in business could be expected to devote the large amount of time to the hearing of cases which has necessarily to be given in this Colony. Our J.P.'s do little else than use the title and pay occasional visits to the Gaol and the Lunatic Asylum, with what beneficial results to either institution it would be difficult to say. It is true that they have the right to send a representative to the Legislative Council, and they keenly exercise it, possibly because election to that body carries with it the magic prefix "Honourable." Their representation on the Licensing Board does not greatly bother them, though at Home a J.P. regards his duties in regard to the supervision of liquor licences as a by no means unimportant part of his civic responsibilities. Here the Licensing Board has, for some reason or other, no attractions for public men; they rather aspire to higher honours.

The mere fact that there should be this lack of interest, this lethargy, in regard to the acceptance of an essential position in the administration of the Colony's affairs is a sign that our civic sense is not developed as it ought to be. It even conveys the impression that much of the shouting about Constitutional Reform may be hollow and insincere, and that it is self-aggrandisement by a few, rather than a desire to serve the public, which inspires some of the agitation for revision of the Colony's Constitution. At any rate, so far as the Justices of the Peace are concerned it is no credit to them that they should require so much persuasion before they can be got to select a representative to serve on one of the few bodies to which members can be appointed by election as distinct from nomination. These are the men who ask to be permitted to continue their right under Constitutional Reform, to a seat on our governing body. Before a man in business life is entitled to take on a big position, he is generally required to show that he has enthusiasm and efficiency for the smaller job. Our J.P.'s evidently scorn the lesser honour and fall over themselves when it comes to the larger offerings. That is not the spirit in which to work for the public weal. So perhaps hereafter the Justices of the Peace will take a more proportionate view of their responsibilities, and be content to do a little of the drudgery, even though in the process they may not come very prominently into the public view.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

THE SHIPPING STRIKE.

There is a general feeling of satisfaction abroad at the termination of the shipping strike, which at one time threatened to be a very serious thing for the Colony. With the near approach of the holiday season it would have been an extremely regrettable occurrence if the ships on which the Colony is so dependent for its daily supplies had been laid by idle. With the general consent having been obtained that all matters under dispute shall be referred to an Arbitration Board it would, in some degree, be unwise to comment on the points to be discussed, but one can hardly refrain from expressing the opinion that there need have been no strike at all if the owners had at first seen fit to comply with the very reasonable demand of the men that arbitration should be generally agreed to. Unlike most of the disputes at Home and in America, it was a case of employers refusing arbitration and the dissatisfied men urging it. One has become used to the reverse order, and it was because of this that there existed such a general feeling of sympathy with the men. Having made demands, which they considered reasonable, they were prepared to stand or fall by the verdict of an impartial Board and declined to take the high-handed attitude of complete success or nothing. The reluctance of the shipowners to agree to this suggestion gave the general impression that they had but a weak case by refusing what was asked for.

THE FOOTBALL INCIDENT.

Sportsmen in general and footballers in particular will have learned with a very great deal of regret of the unpleasant incident which took place at Happy Valley on Saturday during the match between St. Joseph's College and South China. With regard to the actual players themselves there appears to be no ground for complaint, but it is in regard to the attitude of partisan spectators that the matter has to be considered. In the instance under review it would appear that it was owing to the action of some hot-headed young (Chinese) that the serious affair resulted. Without reviewing the facts, which were fully reported in yesterday's *Telegraph*, a few words of advice to Chinese sportsmen of football would not seem out of place. Football, or any other sport, is not merely a matter of winning a game; it is a recreation that carries with it the principles of honour and fairness that are inherent parts of all sport. When partisanship runs so high as to lead supporters to indulge in a free fight, it is time that that partisanship was removed or at least very rigidly controlled. With the Chinese players themselves there is no complaint, for we have very frequently testified to the sporting game they play, but to the demeanour of Chinese spectators—mostly young and excitable—there is justifiable resentment. Saturday's incident, though perhaps more serious, is not the first of its kind. Sport of the western code is possibly still a little strange to a good many of these youths, but before they can support it they have to assimilate and understand its underlying principles. If the vernacular papers would administer a few lectures on these lines it would possibly do a great deal of good. To play or support sport one must first be a sportsman.

HOUSING.

It seems that the housing problem is being very boldly tackled at Home, and the speech given by Mr. Lloyd George to a conference of builders reveals that the Government is fully alive to the urgency of the question. The details given of the steps that are being taken meet the demand must have been read by the people at Home with a deal of satisfaction. Things have a habit of maturing slowly in Hongkong and in connection with housing that habit has been well maintained. There certainly is a great deal of activity going on in the preparation of sites above the Wanchai Gap, but the houses to be built there are not of the type that is most in demand. One wants to see an actual beginning with the Kowloon scheme and a genuine attempt to provide, as early as is possible, the housing that the majority of people need. Their plight is a great deal worse than that of people better off, and it is the satisfying of their needs that should be given first consideration.

DAY BY DAY.

THINKING WILL GET YOU FARTHER THAN TALKING—THAT IS IF YOU HARNESS YOUR THOUGHTS TO ACTION.

A dance is being held at the U.S.R.C., Kowloon, to-night.

"Islander's Diary," by "Ajax," is unavoidably held over until to-morrow.

The annual children's entertainment and Christmas tree jollifications take place, at the Civil Service Club grounds on Boxing Day.

We are informed by the Right Reverend Bishop D. Pozzoni that all Catholics in the Colony are dispensed from abstinence on Friday, the 26th instant.

The Colonial Secretary informs us that in future any information or documents, which it is desired to communicate to the Press will be laid on the table in the Council Chamber.

The Hongkong Tramway Company's receipts for the week ended December 20, totalled \$12,980, which is a decrease of \$886 over the same week last year. For the 51 weeks of the year, the takings total \$703,621, which represents an increase of \$33,909 over the same weeks in 1918.

Last week's health return shows four cases of diphtheria (two fatal), three of enteric fever (one fatal) and two of cerebro-spinal fever (both fatal). Except two British cases of enteric, all the sufferers were Chinese. For the 48 hours ended yesterday, there was a clean bill of health.

News has been received locally of the death of the American Consul-General at Melbourne, Mr. William C. Magelsen. He was on his way home and died at sea near Honolulu. He was American Consul at Colombo in 1909 to 1911, and since then has been Consul-General at Melbourne.

In connection with the Cabaret at the Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday last, we are asked to state that the sweets sold by the girls, in costumes provided by Madame Flint, were kindly supplied by the Swiss community, whilst the refreshments at the Cabaret and at Friday's dance were generously given free by the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.

Messrs. Struthers and Dixon have appointed Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. as their agents in Canton. The United States Shipping Board are assigning more boats to Messrs. Struthers and Dixon. The West Ivis will be transferred to this firm for the Hongkong-Seattle run, sometime in February, while the Colorado Spring will be assigned to Messrs. Struthers and Dixon by the U.S. Shipping Board in January, for the San Francisco run.

A Chinese who has made his pile in Detroit (U.S.A.) as a laundryman was to-day fined \$500 for attempting to smuggle 646 rounds of ammunition through the Colony. Mr. el Arculli defended the accused, who, in the witness-box, stated that the wooden case in the sides of which the ammunition was concealed, in grooves, was purchased by him from a friend and that he was not aware of the presence of the ammunition. He mentioned that he was a native of Kwong Hoi City, in the Sunning District, and that he was on his way back there from America when he was arrested on the Empress of Asia.

The thief who made a burglarious attempt on Sunday evening on the residence of Mr. I. S. Smith, at Wanchai Road, was to-day brought again before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court. It will be remembered that after having called a brother as a witness, with unsatisfactory results, he made another effort to extricate himself from his position by mentioning the houseboy of Mr. Smith as the person who would speak to the fact that he went into the house for a lawful purpose. The "boy" had not the kindness that the chief expected in him, for, when called into the Court to-day, he said that he did not know him. The punishment of the thief was to have been one month but when His Worship was informed that the man had previously been to gaol for a similar offence, he put on an additional two months. The same man some few months ago had been convicted for entering the Astor House for an unlawful purpose.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

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Hongkong residents and visitors have been looking forward for practically a year now to the promised Repulse Bay Hotel, and on January 1st their hopes in this regard will be gratified, for His Excellency the Governor has consented to open the new building on that date. And it will be a big day for Hongkong, because there will then be provided a real pleasure resort for the Colony, a hotel without its like in the East, and a greater opportunity to enjoy scenery unexcelled in any part of the world. These may sound high terms, but they are in every way justified.

A representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, who over the week-end was privileged with a visit to the Bay and a preliminary inspection of the Hotel, was first struck by the marvellous natural beauty of the spot in which the Hotel is situated. The Bay is sheltered on the east and west by projecting spurs of hillsides and an uninterrupted view to the south is obtained of a sweeping sandy beach, and of a shimmering sea with islands near and distant. Behind towers the high wooded hills, shutting out the cold north winds of winter, while the cool south-west winds of summer have uninterrupted play along the coast. Hongkong, notorious for its scenery and beautiful views, could not have provided a better spot. The description of Repulse Bay as the coming Mentone of the East will be recognised as but barely adequate for those who are cognizant of the complete projected scheme. And what one is struck by also is that the hotel, far from being a disfigurement of the natural beauty, admirably fits in with the scheme of things and stands out as an artistic structure in an artistic setting. Entirely of white, it is fronted by a miniature Italian garden enclosed in low white balustrading of effective design. Here a fountain will play by day, and on well-designed pedestals large ball lights will illumine the entrance by night.

More than a few words are justified regarding the building itself. High enough to command views that compel admiration, it is convenient to the beach and roadway. In fact its flight of broad white steps runs up from the road itself. At the entrance is a portico very similar to that outside the Hongkong Hotel, but the feature of the building is the balcony that runs along the entire front, being 150 feet long by 14 feet wide. It is from this that one gets the finest views, and on which one will be able to sit and enjoy the cool summer breezes. By night it will be well lighted up by powerful lights. One passes inside to the main hall, which is a fine airy apartment, having no less than 3,500 square feet of floor space. The walls are of a soft-toned colour wash and a deep teal wainscoting runs round the entire room. Large hanging semi-indirect lights of amber and blue give an artistic touch. Directly central is the control office, with a roomy band balcony over, the whole of the wood work being in teak. At either end of the room one sees the Hotel's crest in bas relief, and the scheme of the room in its entirety is particularly striking. This large hall will serve both as a dining room and dance hall. At either end is situated a residential suite, but later, when the residential wings are completed, it is proposed to throw these into the main hall, the building having been designed to that effect. Adjoining the hall are two open pergolas, permitting a through breeze from front to back. These are already stocked with ferns and creepers which will grow to better maturity, and fountains will here play in artistic pottery basins. The whole of the main building has been designed to give as an artistic and cool effect as possible.

Two residential wings have yet to be completed—that on the left being already in a fairly advanced state of construction. It is anticipated that it will be ready by May. In front of the wing will be a tennis court and from each bedroom a direct view of the sea will be possible. A 14ft. verandah will run the length of the wing and each bedroom will be 20ft. by 20ft., will have its own bathroom with a constant supply of hot and cold water, and also a dressing room of 11ft. by 5ft. As the demand for accommodation justifies, there will be further

extensions, and one can safely prophesy that in another twelve months a big residential hotel will be in full occupation.

As time makes it possible the ground between the hotel and beach will be properly treated and in the complete scheme of things sloping gardens will run down almost to the beach. The potentialities of the site as have yet only been touched on the fringe.

The American system of control and service has been instituted and it is a departure that will be particularly appreciated. Store rooms, pantries and kitchen are all situated at the back but have been arranged on a plan whereby the service will be of the most quick and efficient possible. The interior of the rooms, even to the window sills, are of white glazed china, ensuring the maximum cleanliness and sanitation. In fact the whole hotel is a model of sanitation. Every bathroom and lavatory is of the same white china; there are large built-in porcelain baths; Sloan flush valves are fitted to every convenience doing away with the necessity for cisterns; a septic tank well removed will deal with all refuse; perfect drainage has been installed; and in every particular possible sanitation has been studied. A visit to the back premises is really a revelation as compared to things generally seen in Hongkong.

Each bath has a hot and cold water supply and hot and cold water showers. The water supply is obtained from impounded reservoirs one of which holds over 80,000 gallons. There is a proper system of filtration and the water will be ice cooled by the electric refrigerator provided. The hotel will make its own ice, and will be able to do its own cold storage. Triple-filtered ice water will be supplied direct to each bedroom. In winter the whole building will be electrically heated.

Dealing more particularly with service, every bedroom will have its own telephone communicating with the central office. In the matter of fittings, too, there has been allowed nothing but the very latest. Yale locks, improved electric switches, of a guaranteed safety, patent window adjusters,—one could give a long list. As regards furniture the whole of that in the hotel itself will be of teak, whilst the furnishing of the bedrooms will be carried out in white.

Summing everything up, one can class it as "The Hotel of Three S's"—site, sanitation and service. And it will be a hotel of attraction, too. It is intended to have dances during the season and on Sunday afternoons the band will give sacred musical concerts, forming an attraction for people to journey out for tea. Tourists to Hongkong, who so often complain that there is nowhere to go, will have that disability removed. Hongkong, more than ever, will become a centre of attraction for holiday seekers throughout the East.

There is the Golf Course close by, there is fine fishing and glorious bathing. It might be mentioned that the Government is now constructing a very substantial landing pier for launches. The hotel is on the main road round the island and will be a point of call for those making the trip.

As regards the accessibility of the hotel the problem has been solved by the Dragon Motor Company. On January 1, there is being instituted a motor bus service to Repulse Bay at the low charge of \$1 return. It is hoped to have five of these small motor buses running by that time. The buses, which have been locally constructed, will accommodate twenty passengers each, all facing front. They are cushion seated and will be covered at the top. More are under construction. The trip will take about an hour each way, but when the new road that is being constructed from the Wong Nei Cheong Gap is opened it will be of much shorter duration. We learn that a service of motor bus trips round the island at a charge of \$2 is contemplated when the road is completed. Government permission for the service has been granted.

From the above it will be seen that a very big development in the attractiveness of Hongkong is imminent. The intended development of the south side of the island has now seen a beginning and it is safe to predict that in a few years time Repulse Bay will present a very different aspect to what it did this time a year ago.

Any attempted review of the hotel and the developments in connection with it would be incomplete without a mention of the zeal and energy with which Mr. J. H. Taggart has applied himself to the task. Under his

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

EVANS—GRIMBLE.

A wedding in which great social interest was centred took place at noon at St. John's Cathedral to-day, when Miss Vida Eliza Grimbale, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Grimbale, of Hongkong, was married to Mr. Sidney Evans, Deputy Ordnance Store Officer, Hongkong Naval Dockyard, only son of Mr. Sidney Evans, of Pontypool, Monmouthshire. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a large gathering of guests, was performed by the Rev. F. H. Hastings, R.N., assisted by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle. The duties of "best man" were discharged by Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R.

The bride, who was given away by her father, presented a most charming appearance in a gown of white charmeuse, with silver girdle and orange blossom, her white brocade train being lined with charmeuse and trimmed with orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums with asparagus and maiden-hair fern.

The bridesmaids were Miss Doris Grimbale (sister of the bride), Miss Shirley Mary Gurrer and Miss Betty Kennett. The two former were attired in dresses of Bouton d'Or charmeuse and georgette, with brown velvet hats and shoes and stockings to match, whilst Miss Betty Kennett wore an embroidered net frock and bonnet. Bouquets of bronze coloured chrysanthemums and maiden-hair fern were carried.

The service was choral, Mr. J. W. White being at the organ, the hymns sung being "The Voice that breathed our Eden" and "O Perfect Love."

Subsequent to the ceremony, a largely-attended reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, at which the customary toasts were honoured and when Mr. and Mrs. Evans received the congratulations of many friends. Later, the newly-wed couple left for Fanning, where the honeymoon is being spent, Mr. T. F. Hough having kindly loaned his bungalow for the occasion.

The bride's going away dress was of fawn gabardine, with beige velvet hat.

BROWN—ROHR.

An American wedding of considerable interest took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Gunn, 21, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon, on Saturday night, the formal ceremony having previously occurred at the Registry, the contracting parties being Miss Hermione Elizabeth Rohr, daughter of Mrs. Edwin M. Cutting, and Mr. Edric Ellsworth Brown, only son of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Brown. The bride, together with her mother, recently arrived in the Colony by the S.S. Nile, whilst the bridegroom is of the local branch of the Robert Dollar Steamship Company. The drawing room, in which the ceremony took place, was beautifully decorated for the occasion with holly berries and poinsettias, a feature being the floral alcove, at which the bridal couple stood when joined in the bonds of matrimony by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie. As the bride and the wedding march from "Lohengrin" was played by Mrs. Gunn.

The bride looked very pretty in a gown of embroidered chiffon, trimmed with white satin ribbon, Chantilly lace and orange blossom, with a Chantilly lace veil, made coronet fashion, and a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and maiden-hair fern, tied with white satin ribbon.

After the ceremony there was a dance and supper, and at the latter the toast of the bride was proposed by Mr. Q. H. Ritter.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Brown left for Canton, where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride's going away costume being of Taupé-coloured broadcloth, trimmed with seal, with a brown velvet hat. There were many lovely presents, the bride's gift to the bridegroom being a set of pearl studs and cuff links, whilst the bride received from the bridegroom a beautiful necklace.

personal supervision the finishing touches are now being put on at the hotel, but the completed scheme will be a far more fitting tribute to his enthusiastic application to the work. For the development of Repulse Bay of to-day and of the future, Hongkong will have to thank Mr. Taggart. And the writer sees a recognition of that fact in that His Excellency the Governor has consented to publicly open the building.

ASTRONOMY.

INTERESTING LECTURE.

The Hall of the Union Church was last night filled by a large number of persons interested in the lecture which the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald delivered on the planetary system. Commodore Gurner was in the chair.

The remarks of the lecturer were greatly elucidated by numerous lantern slides, the lecture being divided into three parts. The first was a sketch of the history of astronomy. The second was reference to the planets in number and detail. Lastly he dealt with the recent prophecies of which they had all heard.

The first lantern slide which the lecturer showed depicted a diagram of the system of planets as it was conceived by Pythagoras in the 6th Century B.C. This astronomer and his school held that the sun was one of the planets and that the earth received their light from internal forces. The earth they believed to be in the centre of the system, with the sun and other planets revolving round it. This belief was given rise to by the apparent movements of the sun and stars, which, rising and setting each day, appeared to them to have made a revolution round the earth. The fact that the earth revolved on its axis was not known then.

An ingenious sketch by an early Danish astronomer depicted the sun as taking with it Mercury and Venus in its revolution round the earth, then Mars and Jupiter, and lastly around this conceived planetary system was encircled a crystalline belt of stars. The impression at that time generally held was that the planets revolved in perfect circles around the sun, whereas in reality they were ovals. The later discovery of the telescope went a long way towards the elucidation of the nature of the planetary system.

In depicting another diagram of the planetary system in which fiery-tailed comets were much in evidence, the lecturer hastened to explain that there was never such a collection of comets at any one time as on the diagram which he was showing. He traced the course of the comets which, travelling in an elongated oval, with one end encircling the sun, received their fiery tails when coming in within close proximity to the sun. That sketch, which was drawn by the earlier astronomers, showed Saturn with his ring. Father Neptune was also vested with a ring, whereas in point of fact he had no such adornment. One of the early astronomers in the Middle Ages, Galileo, was called to account before the ecclesiastical authorities for daring to upset their pet theory that the sun revolved round the earth, which belief as a matter of respect of the Creator they had woven into religion, and had held with veneration. Their belief was that the earth, being specially created by God for man's use, should take a premier position among the planets and that every other heavenly body must revolve round it. Consequently, Galileo was looked upon almost as a heretic and had to recant his theory before the church dignitaries.

In another diagram the lecturer showed the respective sizes of the planets in the solar system. The sun was in the centre of the system while round it revolved the different planets. Jupiter in the earlier stages of astronomical research was believed to form the outermost limit of the system. The later discovery of the planet Uranus doubled man's knowledge of the planetary system which was also considerably added to by the further discovery of Neptune.

Speaking on Jupiter, the lecturer informed his audience that they could see this planet at present any night if the sky were clear. It would rise in the East and would have the appearance of a bright yellow body. Though Jupiter was 1,300 times larger than the earth, it was not so heavy in proportion. Mercury was very small (speaking from an astronomical point of measurement), but proportionally it was the heaviest body, being equal in weight to zinc. Saturn would float in an ocean if one could be found for it. Jupiter had that weight which permitted it to sink in a dignified manner befitting its magnitude, but Mercury would drop plumb down to the bottom.

The difference between the planets and stars was explained by the lecturer. Many people, he said, did not know the difference between these two

class of heavenly bodies. To them every bright shining body was a star and no more. The distinction was that the planets gave no light of their own but borrowed it by reflection from the sun, while the stars had light of their own, revolving round them. The sun was one of the stars. The stars, having light of their own, could twinkle, whereas the planets, having only the reflection of the sun's light, could not. Sometimes when the planets were very low in the sky, they might twinkle just a little, owing to atmospheric causes.

In looking through telescopes at the sky many people expected to see the stars magnified to the sizes of saucers, and were disappointed at the result. No telescope ever invented could span the vastness of space and bring the stars to that magnitude when their discs could be distinguished.

Turning to the discussion of Venus, the lecturer said that this planet appeared as a black dot in the sky when it got between the solar body and the earth. As the Evening Star they saw Venus towards the West, shining brilliantly in the sky. She became the Morning Star towards the dawn, when she was seen in the East. The brilliancy of Venus was due to its having a highly reflecting surface.

The planet Mars received the greatest attention among astronomers, owing to the belief held that there were beings inhabiting it. It had been assumed that human beings, or a race of intelligent creatures, inhabited the planet. It would have to be some sort of salamander which could survive in those planets that were in close proximity to the sun. The atmosphere on Mars was so much less dense than that of the earth, that it was an inexplicable problem how any creatures could survive, unless they were endowed with organism different from those of the earth. Mars approached very near the earth once in every 17 years, and its appearance, with its baleful aspect, was in former times regarded as an evil portent. With the aid of a powerful telescope, the late Professor Lowell detected lines and marks on its surface which from their regularity he took to be a highly cultured system of irrigation channels. He believed that he saw traces of vegetation along their banks. Whatever water there was on Mars, the quantity must have been small to compel the Martians to resort to a system of canals which, carried out on the scale depicted in the picture shown, must be a great feat in engineering, if possible at all. Lowell had never really explained how his irrigation system would work. There were extreme difficulties in the way, and in fact the entire supposition that intelligent beings lived and worked on Mars or any other planet than the earth was quite unproved.

The lecturer went on to discuss on the other planets. Coming to the prophecies he referred to the drawing of Professor Porta which appeared in the Hongkong Telegraph. The lecturer said that the sunspots which occurred in the face of the sun, were held by the Professor to be caused by the conjunction of the planets, and that these exerted a strong influence on the atmospheric conditions of the earth. No sunspot was produced last week and this conjecture was therefore absolutely unproved.

Professor Porta had evidently based his theory on the principle of the occurrence of tides which were caused by the combined influence of sun and moon getting on either side of the earth.

BOXING DAY.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH.

A charity football match will be played on the Hongkong Club ground at Happy Valley, by kind permission of the Hongkong Club, on Boxing Day. Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

The match is for the final for the 6th Submarine Flotilla Cup. Admission to the stands will be 50 cents, and a collection will also be made on the grounds, the proceeds of which will be given to the War Devastated France Fund.

The Cup will be presented to the winning team immediately after the match. Mr. W. Black, H.R.F.C., will be the referee.

ENGLAND V SCOTLAND MATCH.

All League matches are cancelled for Saturday next in consequence of a big effort being made by the H.E.F.A. officials for the Fund for Devastated France, and as there are no great counter-attractions on that day there should be large crowds in attendance to help swell the funds for this good cause. The matches which have been decided upon will be of an interesting nature. In the first match, there is sufficient sprinkling of the local Chinese team to interest the large following of the Chinese Club. We hope one day that a match will be arranged between Scotland or England v China, but this time is hardly ripe for this yet, as most of the British teams in the Colony beat South China Athletic now, and South China represent their country in the Eastern Olympics. Perhaps in the course of a few seasons the great match will be China v. England or Scotland.

As regards teams for Saturday next, there is no doubt the selection Committee have carefully considered the relative merits of form of the men to date. Every representative team is more or less subject to criticism and representative teams are much more difficult to weld together than a Club team, for it must be considered that the best men in the League might all be players of the same position and one only can be selected at a time. The rather scathing criticism which the Civilian side in the Junior match has been subjected to is in this respect unjustified, and the civilian team as selected will give a good account of themselves. As regards the Senior match, strong teams have been chosen and there has not been any hostile criticism of the selection. Probably the task has been easier when it is considered that the local players are barred owing to the nationality clause. The English team looks a strong team and contains representatives from more Clubs than the Scottish team, but this feature should be an advantage for Scotland, whose combination should be superior. In any event, with both sides determined to make a good show for their respective countries, a good class exhibition of football should result.

In connection with the same fund a most interesting Naval Cup Final will be played off on Friday, the 26th instant, on the Club ground between teams representing the Submarine 7 and Stoker Branch "Ambrose" for the 6th Submarine Flotilla Cup. The match promises to be a very keen one as the sides are well matched and great rivalry exists between the finalists. The kick-off is timed for 3.30 p.m. and the Cup will be presented to the winning team after the match.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1919.

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SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Sat. 27th Dec. at noon.
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat. 27th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Kwongsang	Sat. 27th Dec. at 5 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Lalsang	Tues. 30th Dec. at 3 p.m.
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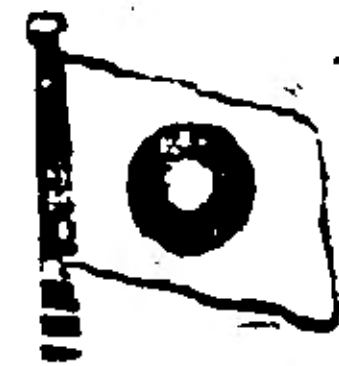
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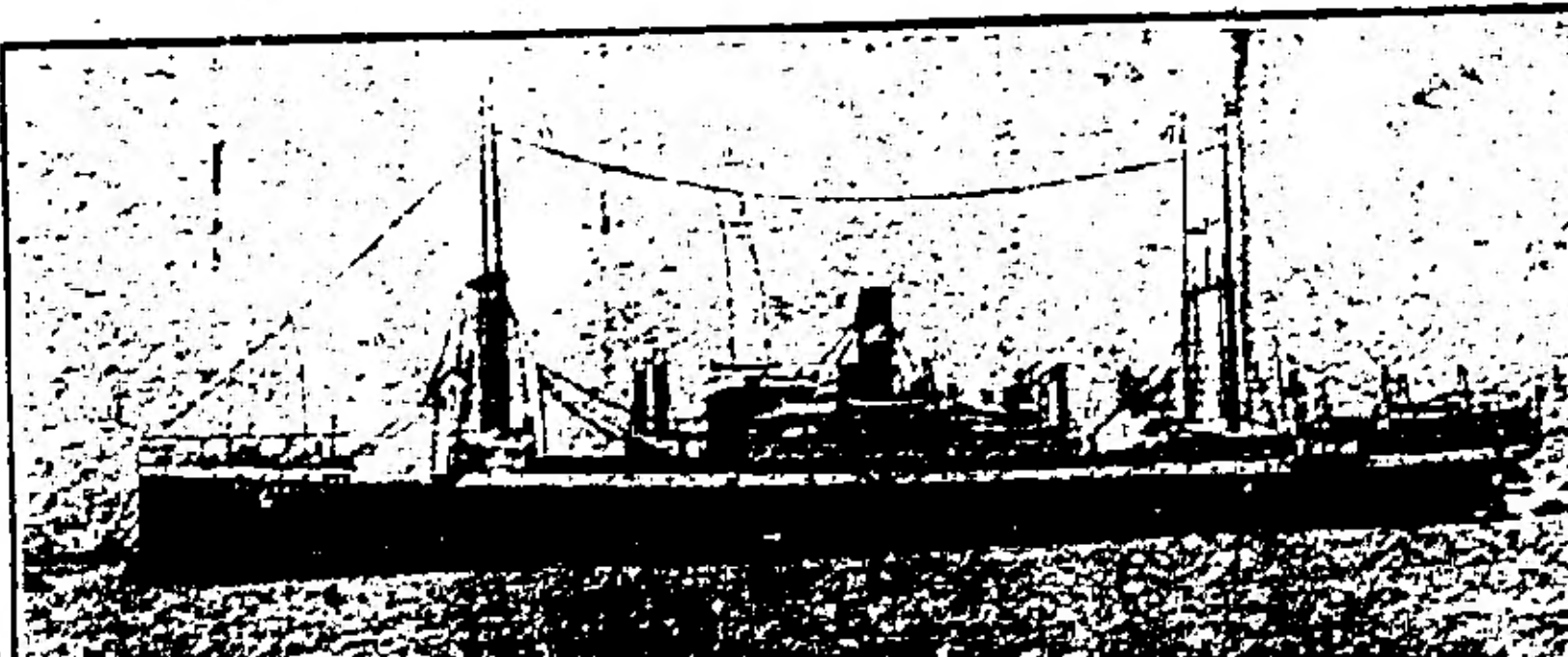
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TIDE TABLE.

22nd to 28th December, 1919.

Day	Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time	Day	Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time
Mon.	22	10 46	4 44	m	3 54	12	
Tue.	23	11 53	5 44	m	4 32	10	
Wed.	24	11 53	5 44	m	3 54	9	
Thur.	25	10 52	4 44	m	3 53	37	
Fri.	26	10 52	4 44	m	6 11	12	
Sat.	27	11 53	5 44	m	4 49	18	
Sun.	28	11 53	5 44	m	6 49	15	
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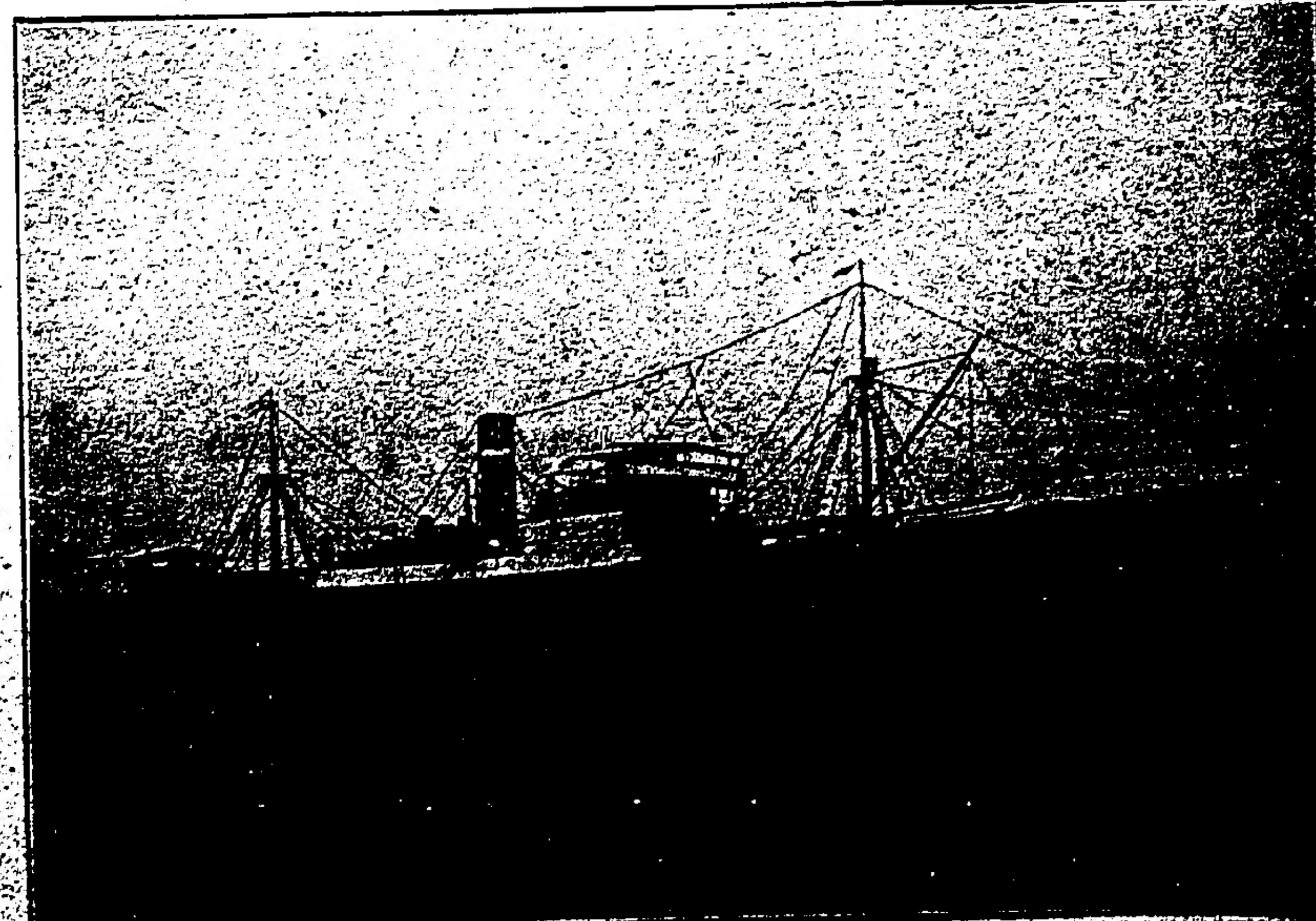
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THE "CHINA MAIL" CASE.

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The case in which Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, editor of the *China Mail*, was ordered to appear before the Supreme Court for alleged contempt of Court was concluded this morning before Sir William Rees Davies and Mr. Justice Gompertz.

It will be recalled that the alleged contempt was committed by the publication of comment on a case at the Magistracy in which a Chinese was committed for trial on a charge of uttering 27 forged Rupee notes. The commitment was ordered on December 10 and the comment complained of appeared on December 11.

The Hon. Attorney General appeared for the Crown and the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson) defended.

When the Court opened this morning, Mr. Alabaster continued to quote legal authorities in support of his contention that there was no contempt.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said that the articles complained of were based on a reporter's story and he would like to know if the reporter's version substantially embodied the evidence on which the man was committed.

Mr. Alabaster replied that he did not know, as he had not seen the depositions.

Mr. Justice Gompertz pointed out that at the time of the article there was a case pending—at least there was a case before the Grand Jury. Subsequently the Grand Jury threw the case out, but there was, prior to that, a possibility of the case going before a Common Jury. The article stated that there was no case on which a Magistrate ought to have committed and no case on which a jury would convict.

Mr. Alabaster replied that the writer took the reporter's story as it stood, but he suggested that there was possibly a good deal more. The Magistrate no doubt knew what he was doing. Taking the story only as it stood, he said that there did not seem enough on which to convict.

Mr. Justice Gompertz:—Supposing the reporter's story did substantially embody the facts before the Magistrate, it was comment on a pending case.

Mr. Alabaster:—My argument is that the comment was not enough to prejudice.

Mr. Justice Gompertz:—It was something like a direction to a jury that there was not enough evidence on which to commit.

The Chief Justice, having read a portion of the comment, said that the article would have been read by a number of people in Hongkong, one or more of whom might have served on the Common Jury. At the trial their minds would go back to what they had read and they might have already formed some judgment.

Mr. Alabaster said there was no point given other than those that would have come out at the trial.

Mr. Justice Gompertz:—That is not the point. This is like a trial by newspaper. If a man does that, however innocently, he must stand the consequences.

Mr. Alabaster:—It is for the Crown to show that the case would have been prejudiced.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said that that was a question of fact.

The Chief Justice:—I have no hesitation in saying that the case would have been prejudiced.

Mr. Justice Gompertz:—And I have no hesitation in agreeing with the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice:—This is an article written regarding a man who was committed for trial. Anyone reading that article would have formed an opinion.

Mr. Alabaster pointed out that there were only two people whom the comment could have prejudiced. One was the prisoner and the other was the Crown.

The prisoner was certainly not prejudiced, and he submitted that it was for the Crown to show that the article was of such a nature as would have seriously hampered him in the presentation of their case and made it more difficult for them to have laid their case before a jury.

Mr. Justice Gompertz thought that the Crown would be prejudiced.

Mr. Alabaster said he failed to show any prosecution would be seriously prejudiced.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said that the learned writer had said that the degrees of man-

Mr. Alabaster contended that this comment was of such a trifling nature that the Court would not be justified in exercising its jurisdiction. It was not sufficiently serious for their Lordships to feel that they must interfere. He was not saying that the Crown should not have brought the case, but that a penalty was not justified.

This concluded Mr. Alabaster's case and their Lordships intimated that they did not require to hear the Attorney General in reply. They asked that in the event of the Court imposing a fine whether the Crown was also asking for costs, and the Attorney General replied in the negative.

Their Lordships then rose to consider their judgment, which they delivered at noon. This stated—

In our judgment these articles tend to obstruct the administration of justice and therefore constitute a contempt of court. In *R. v. Parke* 1903 2 K.B. 432 it was held that when a person having been charged before the Petty Sessions with an indictable offence, only at the Assizes, matter is published in a newspaper tending to interfere with the fair trial of the charge, the High Court has jurisdiction to attach the publisher of such matter for contempt of Court, notwithstanding that at the time of the publication the person charged had not yet been committed for trial. Now the case before us in *an fortiori* one as the person charged had been committed for trial when the articles complained of were published. It had still to come before another tribunal, the Grand Jury—in this case represented by the Attorney General. It now appears that the Attorney General subsequently to the filing of this motion has decided that there is no case to go to a jury. There is, therefore, at the present time no trial pending. But in our opinion this has no bearing on the question whether the respondent is in contempt or not. The substitution of trial by a preliminary Court in the newspapers when a trial by one of the regular tribunals of the country is going on is bad for the suitors and bad for the public at large. Per *Wills* J. in *the Finance Union* 11 T.L.R. at 186. We adopt the language of the judgment in the case of *R. v. Davies* 1906 1 K.B. at page 33, a judgment of the Divisional Court, confirming the decision in *R. v. Parke* as follows:—"Our judgment in *R. v. Parke* (1) applies. We adhere to the view we expressed in that case that the publication of such articles is a contempt of the Court which ultimately tries the case after commitment, although at the time when they are published it cannot be known whether there will be a commitment or not. Their tendency is to poison the stream of justice in that Court, though at the time of their publication the stream had not reached it; and as such articles are calculated to interfere with the power of the Court (whatever it be) that tries the case to do effective justice, it is a contempt of any Court which very well may try the case, but in fact does not do so, as well as of the Court which actually tries it."

We accept the apology of the respondent and also his assurance that he had no intention of prejudicing the trial of the accused person. The principle, of course, is that a man is responsible for the natural consequence of his acts, and a duty is placed upon an Editor of a newspaper to refrain from the publication of matter which may interfere with the administration of justice. The learned Attorney General is not asking for the costs of the Crown. In our opinion the imposition of a moderate fine will meet the justice of the case and we impose a fine of fifty dollars.

CRICKET.

NAVY v. GARRISON.

The following XI will represent the Navy in the cricket match against the Garrison on 29th and 30th December, at 11 a.m. each day:—Paymaster Lieut. C. G. Robinson (Captain), Paymaster Lieut. Commander A. S. Holborn, Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, Surgeon Commander F. H. Hall, Lieutenant L. D. Jones, Lieutenant F. J. Lambert, Lieutenant A. H. S. Casswell, Lieutenant Commander A. B. Greig, Lieutenant E. H. Dolphin, Lieutenant L. B. Franks, Mr. E. G. Kennett.

Approximately the same team will play against the H. K. C. on 1st and 2nd January.

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

The fourth championship event for racing yachts was sailed on Saturday, 20th inst. The course for Handicap class was—Kowloon Rocks (S) Channel Rocks (S) Mark boat at starting line (S), Lyseum Beacon (S) 8.8 miles. The other classes sailed the same course as far as the mark boat, then went to Cast Rock (S) Channel Rocks (F), 8½ miles.

The wind, which had been steady fresh N.E. on the three preceding days, turned out to be very fickle and not till the racing was more than half over did it settle down to a true wind. The Handicap class had some close finishes, on the corrected times, 11 secs. covering the last three boats. "Rolla" secured her first win, displacing "Dorothea." Dione seemed unable to recover from her unfortunate start, when she was becalmed for a while.

The One Designs provided another win for Ailsa, who sailed into premier position before the first mark and was never caught afterwards. The other boats had some close racing, with several changes in leadership, and Halcyon, after suffering some trouble with her spinnaker, hauled during the run down from Channel Rocks to the mark boat, made up a lot of time, and having luck with the wind after rounding Cast Rock, worked out a lead which the other two boats could not reduce. Bonita beat Daphne by three secs. at the finish.

In the Heyward-Hays class "Dawn" was unfortunately unable to start as no helmsman could be procured for her. "Ursula" won from "Sirius," who easily beat "Lola."

The Gael Class had some even racing to Cast Rock and there, when coming on to the wind, Joan outstripped her rivals and won comfortably, although giving 1 min. 23 secs. away. "Toinette," who with a new sail had done well whilst reaching and running, did not show up so well on the wind and was well beaten by "Gael."

HANDICAP CLASS.

(Start 2.30 p.m.)

Yachts	Course	Time	Corrected
Dione	scratch	4:34:32	4:34:32
Rolla	do	4:29:20	4:29:20
Jessica	1:28	4:35:57	4:34:29
Dorothea	4:24	4:34:38	4:30:14
Colleen	6:35	4:40:57	4:34:21
Diana	6:56	DNS	—
Ayesha	6:56	DNS	—

Position	Points for Race	Points to Date
(1) Rolla	8	25
(2) Dorothea	6	30
(3) Colleen	5	17
(4) Jessica	4	13
(5) Dione	3	19
(-)	—	—
(-)	—	—

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

(Start at 2.35 p.m.)

Yachts	Course	Time	Corrected
Ailsa	owes 1:23:42	5:17:31	5:18:54
Bonita	Scratch	5:25:15	5:25:15
Daphne	owes 0:42:53	5:25:18	5:26:00
Halcyon	Scratch	5:22:57	5:22:57

Position	Points for Race	Points to Date
(1) Ailsa	5	17
(2) Halcyon	3	10
(3) Bonita	2	3
(4) Daphne	1	12

HEYWARD HAYS CLASS.

(Start at 2.40 p.m.)

Yachts	Course	Time	Corrected
Sirius	Scratch	5:24:24	5:24:24
Ursula	owes 2:05"	5:24:21	5:26:26
Dawn	Scratch	DNS	DNS
Lola	"	5:59:35	5:59:35
Owl	"	DNS	DNS

Position	Points for Race	Points to Date
(1) Ursula	6	24
(2) Sirius	4	16
(3) Lola	3	5
(-)	—	—
(-)	—	—

GAEL CLASS.

(Start at 2.45 p.m.)

Yachts	Course	Time	Corrected
Gael	Scratch	3:33:37	3:33:37
Toinette	owes 0:42"	5:37:52	5:38:34
Joan	"	5:29:41	5:31:04
Phoebe	scratch	DNS	—
Ashura	2:05"	DNS	—
Dorothy	2:05"	DNS	—

Position	Points for Race	Points to Date
(1) Joan	7	26
(2) Gael	3	19
(3) Toinette	4	20
(-)	—	—
(-)	—	—

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

INDUCTION OF NEW CHAPLAIN.

The new Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the Empress of Russia, being accompanied by Mrs. Lindsay.

In the evening a largely-attended reception, arranged by Mrs. Raiton and other ladies of the Church, was held in the Church Hall, at which the new Chaplain and his wife were introduced to those present; after which the Bishop of Victoria made a brief speech, thanking the ladies for arranging the reception and expressing the hope that the congregation would lose no opportunity in making themselves known to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay.

Subsequently, the induction service took place in the Church; the new Chaplain being conducted into the building by Messrs. R. Packham and J. J. Robson, wardens. The Rev. C. B. Shann read the Lesson, whilst the induction ceremony was performed by Bishop Lander, who subsequently delivered an appropriate address, speaking of the new Chaplain's career and mentioning that he would first address the congregation at the 11 a.m. service on Christmas Day.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Captain Houghton Townley's strongly dramatic and emotional novel portraying high society life in England, "The Bishop's Emeralds," has been photo-dramatized by Virginia Pearson Photoplays, Inc., and will be presented at the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday, its initial showing in Hongkong.

The photoplay version features Miss Virginia Pearson, who has been christened "The Velvet-Eyed Lady of the Screen," and gives her ample opportunity to display those talents for which she is justly famous on the American screen and stage. Her exceptional popularity in motion pictures will be largely increased by her splendid acting in this emotional creation, wherein she fills the eye as a statuesque beauty and an enchanting artorial symphony.

Miss Pearson splendidly achieves domination as a great emotional artiste—a consummate comedienne who fills the lighter phases with elegance and enduring charm and a tragedienne who rises to a tremendous climax with natural and entire convincing expression. "The Bishop's Emeralds" is a photoplay which all cinema-goers should see.

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Over \$10,000 is being paid out by the Managing Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital to junk and sampan owners who lost their boats during the last typhoon, to help them to buy new ones. Over a hundred and twenty junk and sampan owners will receive the money. The money is being paid out of the typhoon fund of the Hospital.

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REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

A Ball will be held on the evening of the 1st, of January, 1920, commencing at 9.15 p.m.

Tickets including Buffet Supper can be obtained at the Hongkong Hotel Main Office at \$3. per head. Dinner will not be served at the Repulse Bay Hotel on the opening night.

J. H. TAGGART, Manager.

NOTICE

IMPORT & EXPORTS OFFICE.

The Imports & Exports Department will not be open on Sunday mornings for the issue of Import & Export permits after December 28th, 1919.

C. W. BECKWITH, Superintendent, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1919.

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NOTICE

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

NOVICES COMPETITION

Entries are invited for a Novices Competition (all weights) to be held on or about the 10th day of January, 1920 to be conducted under the Competition Rules of the National Sporting Club, subject to such variations therein as may be made by the Boxing Committee of the above Association. Weights to be N.S.C. Standard Weights.

Entries will not be accepted from any man who has (a) won any Open Novices Competition, or (b) taken part in any Contest or in any Open Competition other than one for Novices. Entries must be made at or before 12 noon on Friday, December 14th and be addressed to the undersigned.

J. C. WILDIN, Manager, Imports & Exports Office, Hongkong.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagees Mr. Geo. P. Lammert has

received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY

the 24th day of December, 1919 at 3 p.m. at his Sales Rooms Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The following Leasehold properties situate at Victoria and Kowloon, Hongkong in two Lots

Lot 1 All that piece of ground situate at Victoria registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 346 together with the messuage thereon No. 15 Mosque Street. Term 999 years from 27th November 1849. Area 1440 square feet. Annual Crown rent \$124.

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For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs Johnson Stokes & Master, Prince's Building, Ice House St. Hongkong.

Solicitors for the Mortgagees or to

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NOTICE

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1919

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st December, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 14th January, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agent, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1919.

KONINKLIJKE TAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From BELAWAN DELI, PENANG, SINGAPORE, The Steamship

"VAN WAERWYCK"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 29th December will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns where they will be examined on the 29th December at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

FROM PENANG & SINGAPORE.

The Steamer

"HALVARD"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.

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H. M. H. NEMAZEE, Agent, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1919.

G. CHATHAM

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, in consequence of certain public works in progress, that portion of Rutter Street, extending from Pound Lane to Hospital Road, will be closed from the 26th instant until further notice.

W. CHATHAM

Director of Public Works, Hongkong, 19th December, 1919.

NOTICE

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

This Department will be entirely closed on Thursday the 25th December, 1919 and 1st January, 1920. It will be open for all purposes till noon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 26th, 27th & 28th December, 1919 and 2nd, 3rd and 4th January, 1920. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on these dates.

C. W. BECKWITH, Superintendent, Imports and Exports, Hongkong, 18th December, 1919.

NOTICE

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GAS.

On and from the 1st January 1920 the price of Gas will be reduced from \$2.80 to \$2.50 per 1000 cubic feet.

GEORGE CURRY, Local Secretary, Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 18th December, 1919.

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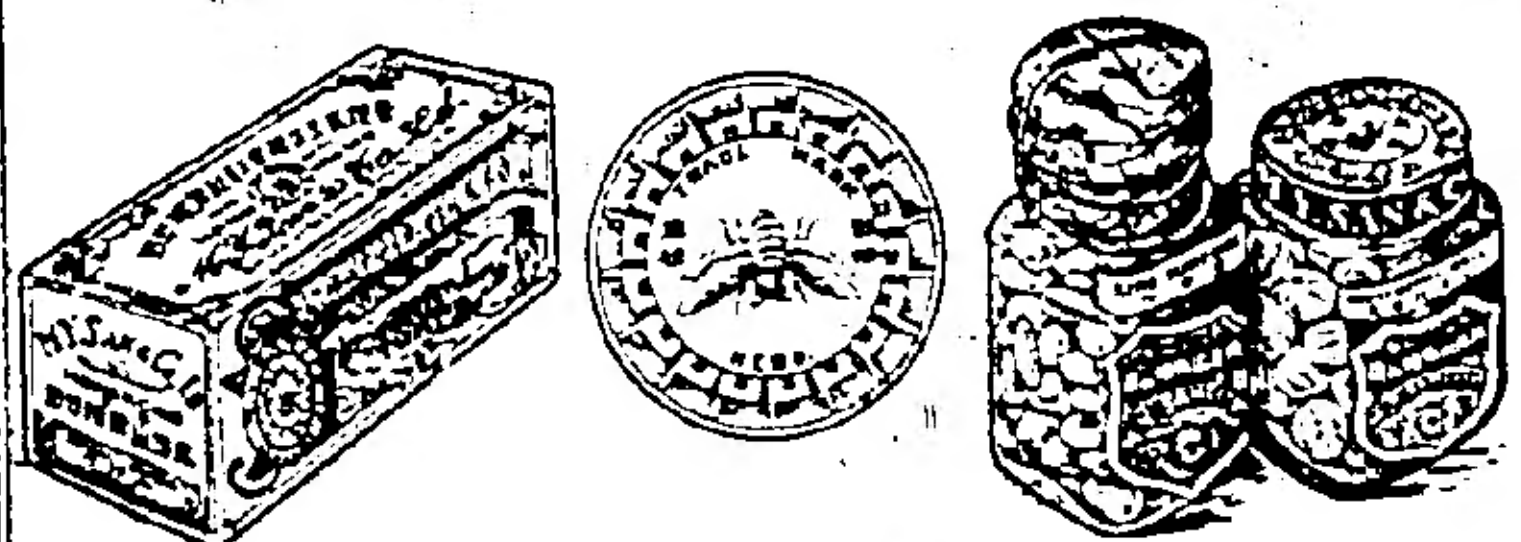
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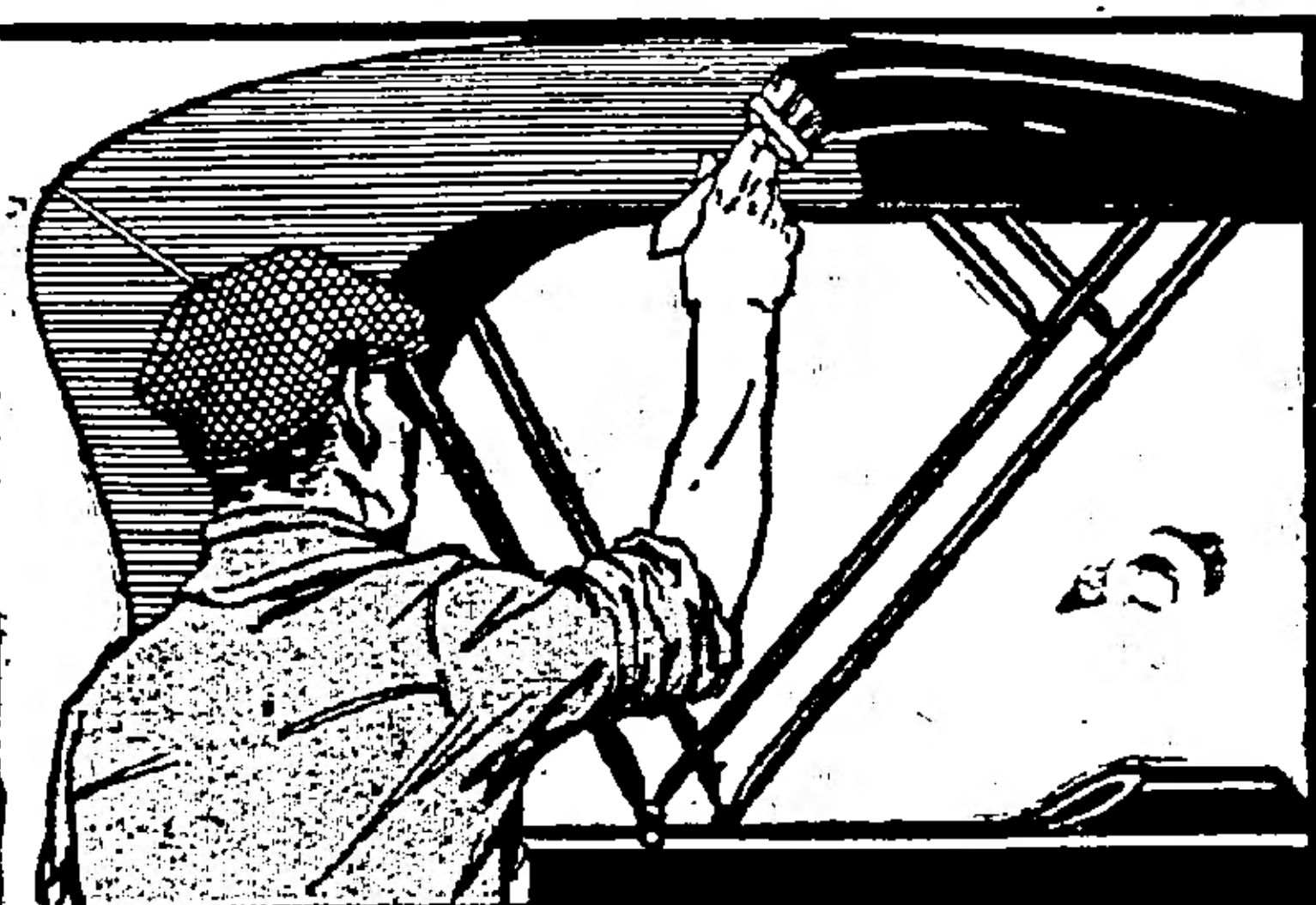
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EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

TROUBLE ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND.

Singapore, December 22.
News has been received in Singapore of what were apparently serious riots at Christmas Island. The news comes in a message from a passing ship, wirelessed to Darwin and then to Singapore, with a request for help and medical stores. The Islander is due in a few days at Singapore and steps will be taken to send her back with assistance.

THE PRICE OF STRAITS RICE.

Singapore, December 22.
In view of recent rumours it is officially stated that the Government does not intend to make any alteration in the price of rice on the 1st. prox.

CZECHS GOING HOME.

Shanghai, December 22.
The steamer Trasos Montes, the ex-German liner Bulow, is here from Vladivostok with two thousand Czechs going to Prague. They are parading here on Tuesday morning and Allied ladies are entertaining them on Wednesday.

GENERAL GAIDA AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, December 22.
General Gaida is giving a farewell dinner to-night to Chinese officials and Colonel Emerson is attending.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE TREATY.

Paris, Dec. 17.
The Supreme Council will meet again on Wednesday to draw up a reply to Germany, containing a decision regarding the German observations on the handing over of the harbour material demanded. This doubtless will be the last note to Germany before the exchange of ratifications. This is expected possibly before Christmas, almost surely before New Year.—Havas.

The important French papers in leading articles make an eloquent appeal to the United States to ratify the Peace Treaty before Christmas.—Havas.

Paris, Dec. 18.
The impression in Paris circles continues to prevail that negotiations will soon end with agreement, which will permit the signing of the protocol, thus settling the Scapa Flow question. Judging from the declarations of German representatives it is foreseen that arrangements concerning measures for the transmission of powers in territories to be evacuated can be rapidly concluded. Thus no obstacle will remain for the exchange of ratifications which will mark the entrance of the Treaty into force.—Havas.

ELECTRICITY IN TIN MINING.

London, Dec. 19.
With the object of arousing greater interest in the problem of the application of electrical power to tin mining, Messrs. D. M. Hutchinson and W. J. Wayte submitted a joint paper before the Institution of Electrical Engineers on electricity in tinmining in the Malay States. The paper pointed out that the European owned mines employed the maximum of machinery and the minimum of labour, while the Chinese owned mines employed the maximum of labour and minimum of machinery. The mines under Chinese management in 1918 produced about seventy per cent. of the total output and as there were under half a dozen electrically driven Chinese mining plants there should be great scope for the electrical engineer in the immediate future.

ANGLO-FRENCH ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.

Paris, Dec. 17.
An official statement issued from M. Clemenceau's cabinet concerning the economic and financial agreements reached in London states that with a view to remedying the exchange crisis harmful to both countries the British Government agreed to the issue of a French loan in England. The system of coal export licenses should be continued for a few days to permit further study of the question.—Havas.

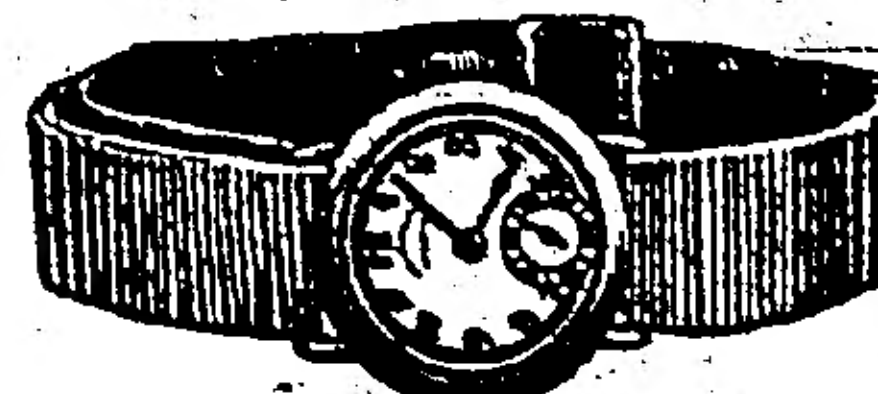
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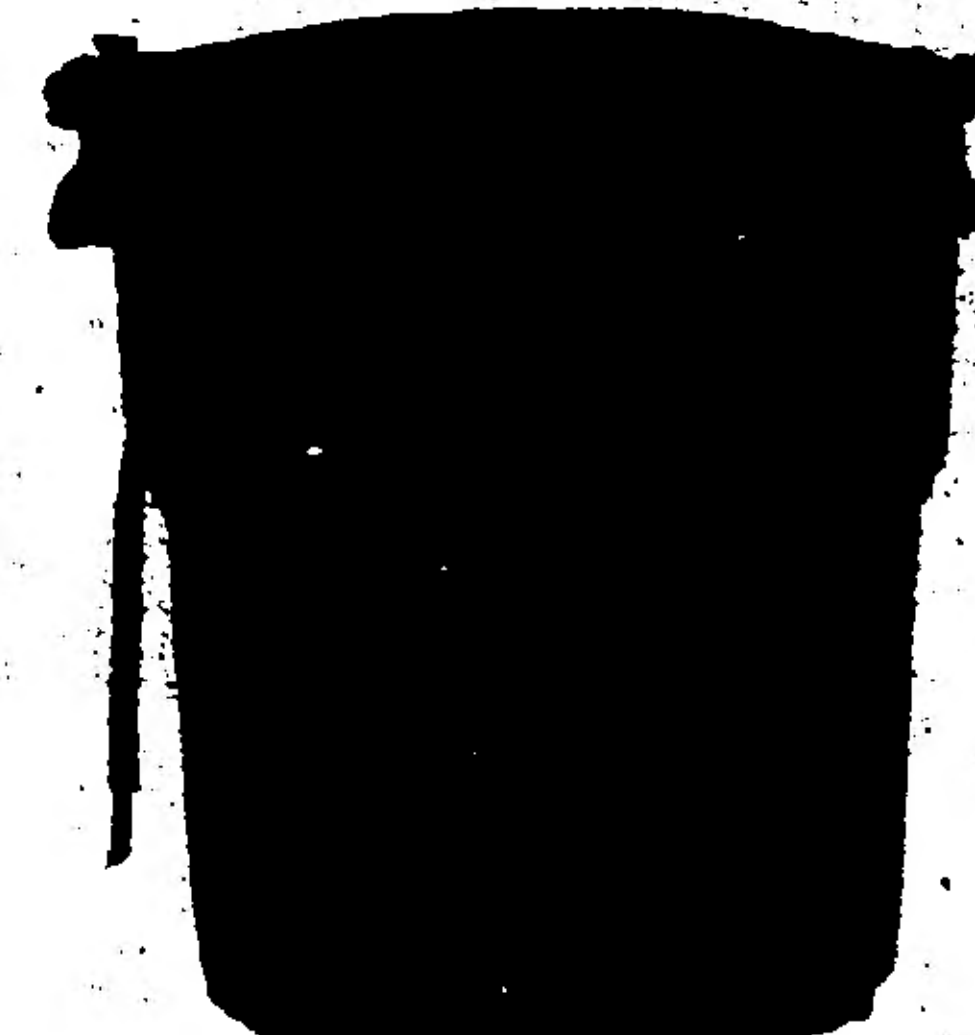
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BOXING.

The gigantic wall which the
Dutch are building across the en-
trance to the Zuider Zee will be
18 miles long and 230 feet wide
at sea level.

A glass for X-ray photography
has been invented in Europe
which absorbs only from 10 to 15
per cent. of the rays, permitting
much sharper pictures to be made
than heretofore.

More than 75,000 babies in the
United States die yearly before
they are a month old.

A world-wide system of wire-
less weather-reports from and to
ships at sea is in course of organiza-
tion by the British Admiralty.
The cost of living in Japan has
increased tenfold since 1887,
while wages have advanced four-
fold.

Negroes in St. Louis, Mo., are
planning to establish a co-opera-
tive department store to be
operated exclusively by and for
members of the race.

Washington was once nick-
named the "Stepfather of his
Country."

The Vatican is planning for the
restoration of Catholicism in Asia
Minor and northern Africa, from
which regions it disappeared dur-
ing the centuries of Moslem
growth.

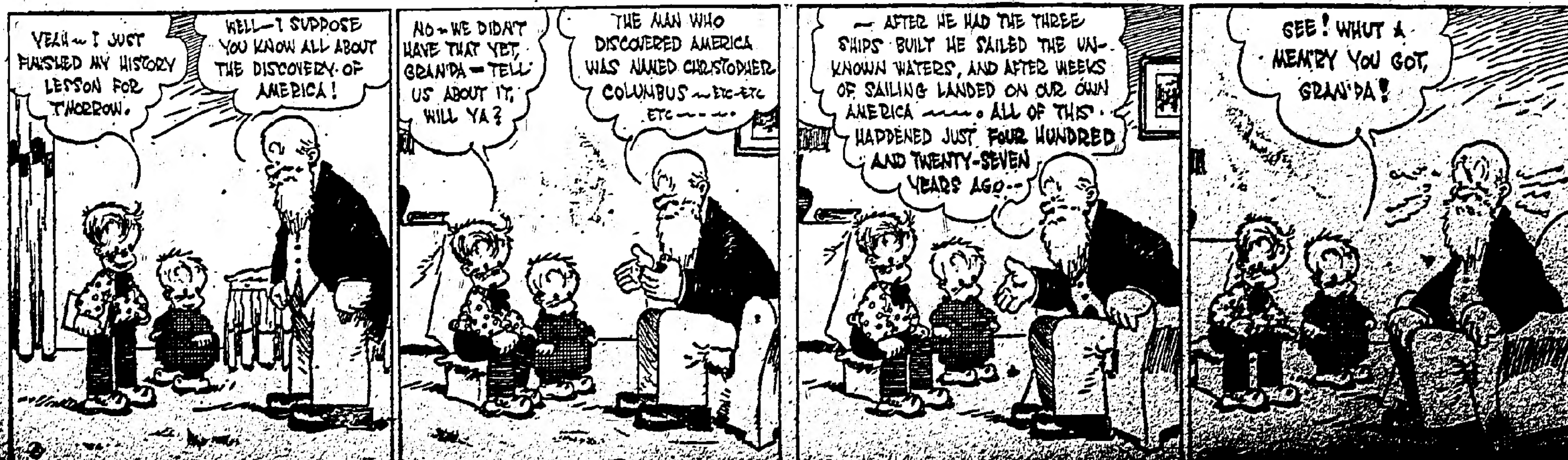
A soldier who lately returned
to America wore a bronze medal
which he won as the champion
doughnut consumer of the A. E. F.
His record was 249 crullers in 24
hours.

The earth travels more than
half a billion miles in a year.
Bengal is the place where the
original bungalows were built.

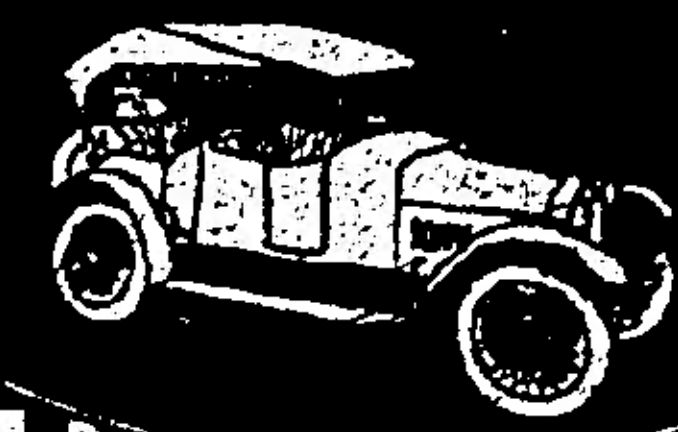
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TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



Batch of German war prisoners being driven through London.



Ordinary warning signs having proved ineffective in checking reckless motoring in England, the skull and crossbones design seen above is now in common use.



Above is seen Miss Pauline Hall walking in Fifth Avenue, New York, with the mascot of the 165th Regiment, which was in the war zone for five months, and which Miss Hall has now adopted.



The above photograph shows Mrs. Golda Wesella, the world's only woman steeplejack, painting the lower part of the 155-foot steeple of the Congregational Church at Oakland. She is the wife of a steeplejack and took up his work when he joined the Army.



Marshal Foch was given a great homecoming demonstration in Farbes, France, his birthplace. Everybody gathered about the front door of his house to give him greeting and here he is shown addressing them from the steps of his home, after listening to their welcome.

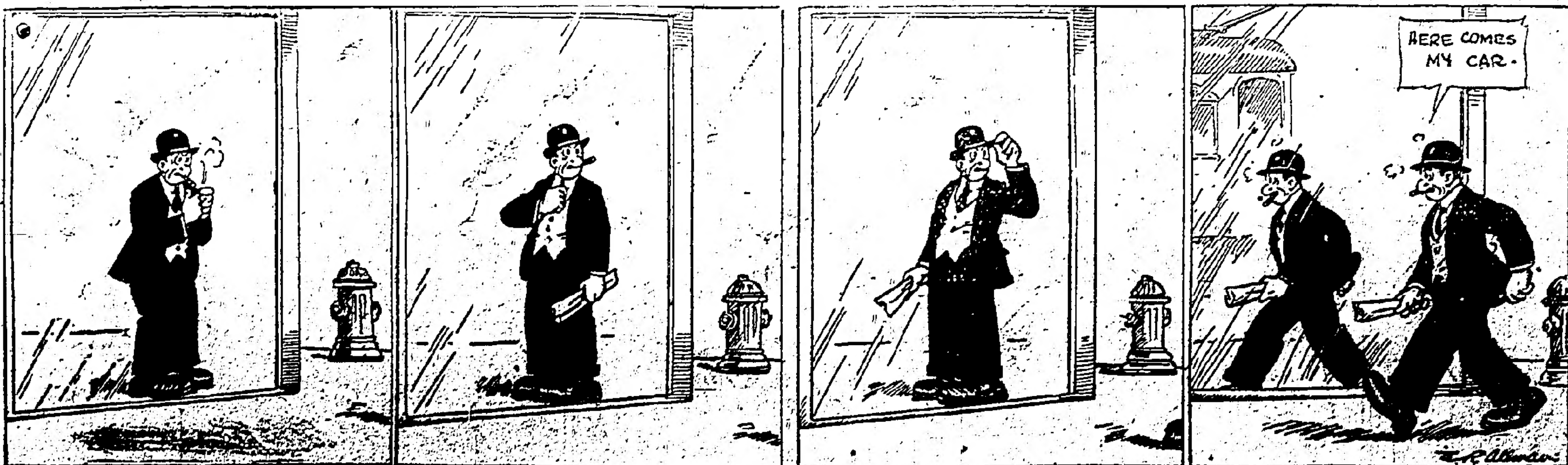


Above are seen Mr. Frank Morrison, Secretary of the U.S. Federation of Labour (left) in conversation with Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on the recent industrial troubles in the States.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

A Few Reflections of Tom!

BY ALLMAN.



NOTICES.

THE LEADER.



IN TURKISH CIGARETTES.

This advertisement is issued by British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd.

WORLD'S SHIPPING.

AN INTERESTING LLOYD'S REPORT.

We have received from Mr. J. S. Gardiner, Lloyd's Surveyor in Hongkong, a copy of a report of the operations of the Society during the year 1918-19, which contains a general survey of the work carried out by the Society during the war.

The report, which runs to 57 pages, is practically a record and review of the shipping industry of the world since August 1914, and many very interesting facts and statistics are now made public for the first time.

In the introduction it is stated that the "vital importance of merchant shipping, which has always been recognised by those engaged in overseas trade, has now been brought home to every member of the community. It is safe to say that if our wonderful mercantile marine with its splendid officers and crews had failed us in our time of trial, as the enemy hoped and expected they would, neither our invincible Navy nor our heroic Army could have saved the Empire from a humiliating and disastrous defeat. The nation does not even yet realize how much it owes to the enterprise and courage of the able men who built up, sometimes under much difficulty, the magnificent fleets of merchant ships which were destined to play so important and distinguished a part in the war. In few industries was the effect of the war more widespread and far-reaching than in the domain of shipping. The disappearance from the high seas of the merchant fleets of Germany and Austria-Hungary, and the continued losses of allied and neutral shipping, combined with the enormous demands which the war made upon the available tonnage, caused a shortage which stimulated the building of ships in every country free to engage in ship construction. In the United Kingdom, merchant shipbuilding was seriously restricted by the necessity for the production of war vessels of various kinds, and by the shortage of labour and materials.

Every effort was therefore made in other countries, and particularly in the United States of America, by means of the extension of existing plants and the creation of new establishments, to cope with the increasing demand for tonnage. So much success has attended these efforts that, although the merchant shipbuilding activities of the United Kingdom have greatly increased since the Armistice was signed, the United States has shot far ahead of all competitors in the output of tonnage. At the end of June, 1919, there was being built under the inspection of Lloyd's Register of Shipping with a view to classification, a larger amount of shipping than has ever been recorded in the history of the Society, namely, 4,766,623 tons, of which 2,033,319 tons were being built in the United Kingdom. Special arrangements of the staff for dealing with the survey during construction of this vast amount of tonnage have been necessary, particularly in America, where the greatest increase occurred; and in this connection the Committee desire to place on record their high appreciation of the great ability and the unremitting care and attention which the Society's large staff of Surveyors both at home and abroad have devoted to carrying out their responsible duties, in many cases under conditions of unexampled difficulty. The Committee are much gratified to observe the widespread evidence, which the foregoing totals afford, of the value attached to the Society's classification, whilst the fact that this great volume of shipping is being built to the highest standard must be a source of satisfaction to owners and builders of vessels as well as to the underwriters and merchants concerned.

"In addition to the Society's ordinary business of the survey and classification of merchant vessels at home and abroad, the following, amongst other special work, has been undertaken, namely:—The special survey during construction of Standard vessels; the special survey during construction of vessels for the

Admiralty and War Office; the inspection and testing of war material in the United States for the British Government; the inspection and testing in this country of war material for the French Government (including over 1,400,000 tons of shell steel); condition surveys on requisitioned vessels; survey of vessels surrendered by Germany under the Peace Terms; the survey of cold stores.

At the close of the year ended 30th June, 1919, 8,756 merchant vessels, registering nearly 22 million tons gross, held classes assigned by the Committee of Lloyd's Register. Of this tonnage Britain, possessed 5,299 vessels of a tonnage of 11,995,711, that of all other countries totalling 9,945,749 tons. During the year, classes were assigned by the Committee to 1,251 vessels of 3,801,221 tons gross, included in this total being 294 vessels for Government service. Of the tonnage classed the United States of America built the largest amount, viz.—470 vessels of 1,883,759 tons, the United Kingdom 579 vessels of 1,255,036 tons, Japan 70 vessels of 355,304 tons and Canada 87 vessels of 199,941 tons. The ownership of the vessels is allocated as follows:—United States of America, 453 vessels of 1,890,176 tons, of which 421 of 1,801,235 tons were for the United States Shipping Board; United Kingdom, 599 vessels of 1,389,919 tons, including 305 of 1,273,714 tons for the Shipping Controller and private owners, and, as above stated, 294 for the Government Service, of 115,205 tons; Japan, 58 vessels of 286,308 tons; and other Countries, 141 vessels of 234,818 tons. Included in the total were 156 vessels, of 943,487 tons, built upon the Leberwood System of longitudinal framing, of which 35 of 204,637 tons were intended for carrying oil in bulk. The total number of oil tankers (including 2 vessels, carrying oil in cylindrical tanks) was 63 of 360,405 tons and there were also classed 211 vessels of 1,193,659 tons fitted for burning oil fuel. During the last five years the Society has classed nearly 10,000,000 tons of new shipping."

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T/T Japan	189
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Demand, India	206
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